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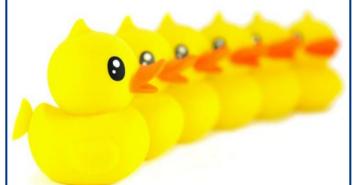


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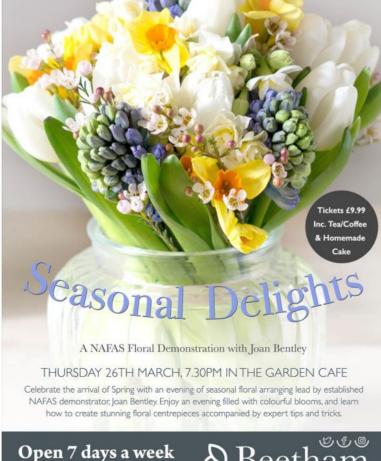


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**MARCH 2020** 

A NEW SEASON

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.....

(Ecclesiastes ch 3)

We all live to certain cyclical patterns: the pattern of each day; the seasons of the year and the church calendar which gives us the sequence of liturgical seasons as a backcloth before which we live our lives. That backcloth of ever-rolling time will always run on relentlessly – we cannot control it. It is what we do in front of the backcloth that shapes our lives.

The most obvious pattern is our diurnal one: each day begins with stirring and rising, followed by activity, then restfulness, finally ending with sleep. Even nocturnal creatures follow a similar pattern – it is just their timing that differs!

The seasons of the year, similarly, echo this: Spring awakening – Summer flourishing – Autumn slowing down – and Winter hibernation.









Spring is the time of beginnings, exciting opportunities, and anticipation for the future. Seeds planted in this time will then take root and mature during Summer's labour, producing a harvest in the Autumn, a reaping of our efforts. Then everything draws to a close in Winter. Normally, we think of childhood and youth as springtime, while summer represents the emerging prime of life. Then autumn starts somewhere beyond middle age perhaps, and everything slows and fades to a finish in elderly wintertime.

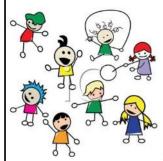
My emphasis here is not talking about the concept of aging, but rather our growth, our progress, our advancement. Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional. Each season is unique and adds important dimensions to life. Spring is about potential, promise and possibilities. It is the time of beginnings and can be invigorating.

Here we are in March - the beginning of Spring, offering brand new opportunities and possibilities; about new starts, new dawns, new ideas. At this time of year the Church calendar is in Lent, a period of reflection before the miraculous New Life that the Easter story will demonstrate next month.

Carpe Diem (Seize the Day!) is an oft-quoted motto. But we should not just seize the day, but every **moment**, every **opportunity**, every **thought**, every **sentiment**.

Or, in stark and simple terms: enjoy what you're doing, where you're doing it, and make the most of every experience!

John Lomax



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#### **Church Services at Beetham in March** Time

Date	Time	Sci vice	
Sun 1st Mar	11am	Parish Eucharist	
First of Lent	6pm	Evensong	
Wed 4th Mar	10am	Holy Communion	
Fri 6th Mar	9am	School Assembly	
Sun 8th Mar	11am	Parish Eucharist	
Second of Lent	6pm	Evensong	
Wed 11th Mar	10am	Holy Communion	
Fri 13th Mar	9am	School Assembly	
Sun 15th Mar	11am	Parish Eucharist	
Third of Lent	6pm	Evensong	
Wed 18th Mar	10am	Holy Communion	
Fri 20th Mar	9am	School Assembly	
Sun 22nd Mar	11am	Parish Eucharist	
Mothering Sunday	6pm	Evensong	
Wed 25th Mar	10am	Holy Communion	
Fri 27th Mar	9am	School Assembly	
Sun 29th Mar	11am	Parish Eucharist	
Passion Sunday	6pm	Said Evening Service	

Please check Church noticeboards or beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk for any changes

#### Deanery Synod Representatives

Deanery Synod lay representatives are elected for a 3 year term and our current reps, Dorothy Macleod and Vivien Stirrup, will be stepping down this year. The Kendal Synod makes decisions at a deanery level, acting as an intermediary between all the parish PCC's and the Diocesan Synod. Priorities include Mission Action Planning and the allocation of the 'share' from the deanery to the parishes. Members are invited to attend three or four Deanery Synod meetings per year and are also automatically members of the PCC. If you are interested in learning more about one of these vacancies please speak to Andrew, Dorothy or Viv

## **Annual Beetham Church Meetings**

Notice is given of the following:-

**Annual Vestry Meeting** 

to be held at 12.15pm on Sunday 26th April in church, to elect three churchwardens

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** to be held at 12.30pm on Sunday 26th April in church. Reports will be given on all the church activities from the previous year, and PCC and

Deanery Synod members will be elected The Church Annual Report & Accounts will be issued ahead of the APCM. Paper copies will be available for collection at the back of church and an online version will be available on the website from 19th April

Would you like to have a say in the running of our church? If so, you may be interested in becoming a Deanery Synod member (see box to left), a churchwarden or a member of our Parochial Church Council

Three churchwardens are elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting by members of the parish in April each year, and are the Bishops local representatives. They are the senior lay people in the parish, active members of the congregation, and ex officio members of the PCC. Churchwardens stand for election every year and generally serve for 3-6 years

PCC members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by members of the church electoral roll. The PCC is collectively responsible for the care of the church and the finances, and members represent both the church and the parish at our 6 PCC meetings each year. PCC members are elected for a term of 3 years

If you would like more information on either of these roles please speak to the churchwardens. Nomination forms must be received by the PCC Secretary by Saturday 25th April

#### Beetham Church Electoral Roll 2020

The 6-yearly total revision of the Church Electoral Roll was carried out in 2019, so if you wish to remain on the roll you do not need to take any action this year. If you would like to join as a new member of the roll you must fill in a form and return it to the electoral roll officer. Jenny Marks, by 9th April. This enables you to vote at the APCM for members of the PCC and the Deanery Synod.

The forms are available in church or downloadable at beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk/?Links

## **CHURCH**

**Beetham** 

**Band** 

#### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has helped to clean up the church and around the parish following Storms Ciara and Dennis. Much farmland is still under water and many roads were affected.



The road dip by the Beetham War Memorial has been almost constantly flooded for the last few weeks. It is interesting to look back 100 years at how the road layout here has changed and wonder whether they too suffered from flooding at that time...

# **VE DAY** 75TH ANNIVERSARY

## **RINGING OUT FOR PEACE**

Friday 8th May 2020 (Bank Holiday)

In association with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, bells in cathedrals, churches and other locations will ring 8-10 MAY 2020 out in a collective celebration of peace. The sound of bells is

deeply rooted in British culture, providing the soundtrack to historic moments - calling us to pray, to work, to arms, to celebrate and, in times of crisis, to come together.

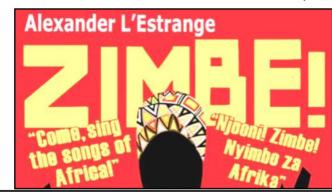
Church bells will be rung here in Beetham, and throughout our nation and around the world in celebration of the peace and friendships we share.



#### Zimbe! is coming to Kendal

Zimbe! - Come, sing the songs of Africa! is a choral work composed by Alexander L'Estrange, celebrating the part that music plays in everyday life in Africa. Zimbe is Swahili for 'Sing them' and the work combines arrangements of traditional songs from all over Africa from playground songs to lullabies and worship music for massed adult and children's choirs, and accompanied by a jazz quintet. The composer describes the songs as 'fun, moving and infectiously tuneful' and full of energy!

In one of only seven worldwide performances currently registered for 2020, Kendal South Choir will be joined by Amabile and children from Dallam School and other schools on Saturday 9th May in St Thomas' Church Kendal. Our organist, Geoff Field, is the enthusiastic Musical Director of the choir, and several members of Beetham Church Choir are taking part. The evening will also feature a performance of Will Todd's 'Mass in Blue'. It promises to be a toe-tapping event not to be missed and ticket details will be in next month's Gateway!



'Winds of March,

We welcome you,

**Community** There is work for you to do,

Work and play and blow all day

Blow the winter wind away ' ....Susan Reiner

Well we do not blow all day but we do our best between 10.30am and 12pm every Saturday morning. As many of you know, there is an open invitation to join us at any time, with any instrument at any level. But on MARCH 14TH from 10.30am, we are holding a 'COME AND GIVE IT A BLOW!' morning. There will be instruments to try, you can bring along your own, or just come and meet us.

We are a very friendly group who play to have fun and relax. Musical mindfulness one might say. We rehearse in St Michael & All Angels Church Beetham. Without the support of the PCC we would have no venue to come together to play. We are so very grateful to them for letting us use such a beautiful space to make music in. So come and meet Beetham Community Band, we could be what you are looking for.

For more information about the band please call Tess on 015395 63254

## **CHIMES**

#### Shrove Tuesday Supper and Quiz

The annual Shrove Tuesday Supper was held on 25th February in the Heron Corn Mill Barn. As always it was a full house, enjoying the delicious cottage pie (with all the trimmings) and pancakes made by Alison Thompson and her team. This was followed by another mind-searching quiz devised by Clive Holden, challenging the 8 teams with both the main quiz and a table sheet of questions with answers all containing the letters 'par'. The winners of both quizzes were the 'DemiJohns' (yes, 3 of the 6 members were called John), with the Beetham Newbies in close second.

Thanks for the evening were summed up by the Friends of Beetham Church Chairman, John Lomax... "As ever, Alison's

catering was par excellence. Julie and Colin Clarke organised the raffle in such a way that participation appeared no more than a party game - a form of pari mutuel in fact as all the prizes had been donated! The team of bar-tenders plied their liquid offerings without any hint of parsimony. It was suspected their aim was to see us all paralytic by the end of the evening! Clive kept us all particularly well tuned in to his fiendish questions – like the very best of parlour games! We need hardly add - as if in parentheses - that the final outcome of £217.80, in comparison with previous years, was not merely "above par", but indeed beyond

all previously-known parameters! If we have omitted to thank anyone, we humbly beg your pardon!"

Final thanks go to Dianne and John Lomax for their particular preparations and sparkling result!



















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We have just returned from our half term holiday which we were all very ready for after a wet and windy 6 weeks at school!

The week before the holiday we had a 'Reading Week' at school. This began with a workshop for parents, explaining how we teach reading at school and offering support and strategies for helping children to read at home. We also visited church to share Bible stories, brought in our favourite books and enjoyed a visit from the Library Van.

The children were invited to take part in a special homework activity to make a 'Book in a Box' or a 'Wooden Spoon Book Character'. We were really pleased with the fantastic things the children produced and as you can see from the pictures they are from a wide range of stories and put together in many different ways. We now have a display of all their 'Reading Week' work around school and it looks wonderful.

> During the week the School Council organised several events to raise money for the NSPCC: they ran a book stall, a book guiz, a colouring competition and a dressing up day where all the children (and the staff too) came dressed as their favourite book character.

> > This was a great week, which really encouraged the children to share their love of reading and books and gave the opportunity for everyone to enjoy stories together.

> > In PE the children have been working very hard to develop their gymnastic skills, coached by Sarah Colyer. The children learnt sequences of floor movements, body management and how to use the vault. Teams of 6 children then took part in a gym competition at Dallam School and did very well. The Yr 1 & 2 team got a bronze medal and the Yr 3 & 4 team got a silver medal, with Megan receiving an additional medal for the highest score in her age group. The

Yr 3 & 4 team then went through to the next round with schools from all over the South Lakes and were the Runners- Up, receiving a super shield.

Last week we had a visit from Claire Griffel, who is the person who coordinates our twinning project with Ataba Tabar School in Senegal. She came to talk with the children about her recent visit to Senegal and to give us all the very good news that the school roof has been

repaired with the help of the money we raised. I received the following email from the headteacher, Mamadou Balde, thanking us for our help:

'Thank you dear colleague Wendy. Thank you to all the Beetham Students. Their twins from Ataba Tabar thank them indefinitely for their help. Indeed the roof was completely restored and the students were very happy to enter a room where the roof is new. Thanks again, Mamadou.

Yesterday we visited church on Ash Wednesday. Father Andrew led us in worship, talking with the children about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent. The children chose

whether they would like to be marked with the sign of the cross in ash, before our worship ended with prayers and a song about praying for peace.

This half term at school is very busy for us with STEM week, a dance performance at the Brewery in Kendal, a hockey tournament and



## **Beetham & Beyond**

#### A Green February for the WI

With the devastating floods around the country recently and the far too frequent tragic environmental changes worldwide, INSPIRING WOMEN no-one can ignore now what is happening to our climate. The WI put out a few Green Hearts during February in support of the 'Show the Love' campaign for everything you want to protect from climate change but unfortunately, due to the stormy weather. there were not as many displayed as planned for fear of them blowing away in the high winds!

However, you may start noticing brightly coloured pebbles with Green Hearts painted on them that are scattered around the village of Beetham. These are another reminder of the need to protect our environment and hopefully the children will swap them around and talk to others about what we can each do to protect our environment for them and for future generations. The pebbles were painted by the few members who braved the February weather to attend our first Craft Evening of this year. The two-monthly Craft Evenings at the M:Hub are open to non-members too and are great fun and sociable as we learn new craft skills together.



For our early February meeting we had a fascinating talk about Bee Keeping which had members 'buzzing' afterwards from the information presented by Julie Hoggard - and the products she brought proved very popular.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March we have a Cheese Tasting and Talk by John Natlacen of Churchmouse Cheeses who will be bringing samples for us to try so a tasty evening expected. This is an **Open** Meeting so anyone is welcome to attend.



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## March Programme



dance the HERON theatre

#### Sunday 1st March The Komorebi Saxophone Quartet

2.30pm **RNCM** 

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#### Friday 6th March Mrs Lowry & Son

FILM AT THE HERON 7.30pm 2019 [PG] 1hr 31mins

Timothy Spall and Vanessa Redgrave in a portrait of the artist L S Lowry and his relationship with his overbearing mother

#### Friday 13th March The Canterbury Tales

7.30pm GreenMatthews

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#### Tuesday 17th March **Leonardo: The Works**

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#### Saturday 21st March **Deco Delight**

7.30pm Five piece band

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#### Friday 27th March Lunar Landing Laugh-a-Long

7.30pm Shift Key Theatre

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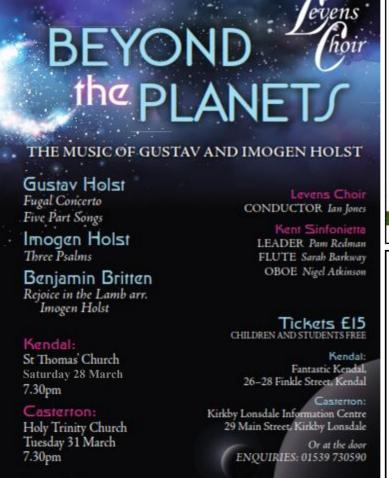
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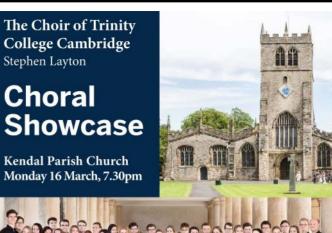
The Athenaeum, Leasgill at 10am All are welcome!

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Friday 13th March 5.00pm to 7.30pm The Cumbrian Room **Crooklands Hotel** 

A Presentation by Debbie Thrower. **Anna Chaplaincy Pioneer** 

"Anna Chaplaincy for Older People: the Opportunities for Mission and Minsitry among those rich in age and experience"

Debbie is visiting Cumbria in March to share the Anna Chaplaincy Vision. She will spend time with the Rainbow Parish Ministry Team to explore how Anna Chaplaincy might develop in their Mission Community context, followed by a presentation to a wider group of interested people. No booking is required

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> If interested, please phone **John McKay** on 01524 812896 for an informal chat



## **BEETHAM PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2020**

- A review of the Parish Council year by Cllr Brian Meakin (P C Chair)
- A presentation on developments with the Coastal Path focusing on NW **England - by Ian Brodie, representing** Coastal Access, Ramblers Assn, Friends of the Lake District etc
- Any questions?
- Chat informally with parish councillors
- **Enjoy refreshments**

at Heron Hall, Storth, 8.00pm Thursday 19th March

**Beetham Parish Council** The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd March at 7pm in Beetham CofE School

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



All are welcome to join in the Women's World Day of Prayer, which has been prepared this year by the women of Zimbabwe

> Friday 6th March at 2pm Storth Village Church



#### Sunday Worship in the Kent Estuary area

#### **ARNSIDE ST JAMES**

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 9.30am: Morning Worship

Info: arnsidevillage.co.uk

#### **BEETHAM ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

11.00am: Parish Communion 6.00pm: Sung Evensong 5th Sunday, said service

Info: beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

#### **HEVERSHAM ST PETER**

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

9.30am: Main Service:

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3rd Sunday: All Age Worship

10.30am: 5th Sunday: United service with Levens & Milnthorpe

6.30pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Open to God

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sun: All-age worship: 5<sup>th</sup> Sun: United service Info: levens.org.uk

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8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 11.00am: Main Services 1st, 2nd and 3rd: CW Communion

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