

CHRISTMAS in BEETHAM	2	We continue to look for alternative ways to celebrate Advent and the Christmas Story if we are unable to meet over Christmas time	15
4	Brightening Beetham	Preparations are well under way to provide illuminated Christmas trees in the churchyard and around the village in December	<i>If you would like to sponsor a tree please get in touch with John Lomax for further details</i>
Beetham Outdoor Crib	The illuminated crib next to the church porch is under construction ready for December	6	The switch-on of the Christmas trees and the Blessing of the Crib will be the subject of a special YouTube video
Online Advent Calendar	From 1 December there will be a short YouTube video of a carol or a reading to be 'opened' each day for the whole family to enjoy	<i>If you are interested in taking part and have access to audio or video recording, please contact Rev'd Andrew or Jenny Marks</i>	1
18	20	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols	A YouTube video led by Rev'd Andrew, with music from the Beetham Church Virtual Choir directed by Geoff Field
CHRISTINGLE	We invite you to join an online service with us on Christmas Eve and make a Christingle at home	24	<i>More details of all these events will be in the December Gateway</i>

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All Souls Service

2nd November

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

(Charles Wesley)

All Souls Day reminds us of those loved ones that we have lost in our own families and community. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed enables us to remember them with thanksgiving. Our service of reflection, music and prayer for All Souls, from Beetham and Arnside, will be available from 2nd November on YouTube at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDV4QVjXwrA
or by searching on YouTube for 'Beetham Church All Souls'



All Souls Service

from the Parishes of
St Michael & All Angels, Beetham
and St James, Arnside

Remembrance Sunday

8th November

A Service of Remembrance to honour the fallen. With the Beetham Roll of Honour, the sounding of the Last Post, two minutes silence, and laying of wreaths



The short Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial will begin at **10.50am**. We shall be asking all those who attend to observe all the usual social distancing regulations and to supply 'Track and Trace' details.

The Act of Remembrance will be followed by our usual celebration of the Eucharist in church. There will be no presentation of flags in church.

The 'There But Not There' perspex seated figures are once again gradually being placed in the church each week, as a reminder of those who did not return.

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Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman

*There was rapture of spring in the morning
When we told our love in the wood,
For you were the spring in my heart, dear lad.
And I vowed that my life was good.
But there's winter of war in the evening,
And lowering clouds overhead,
There's wailing of wind in the chimney nook,
And I vow that my life lies dead.
For the sun may shine on the meadow lands
And the dog rose bloom in the lanes,
But I've only weeds in my garden, lad,
Wild weeds that are rank with the rains.
One solace there is for me, sweet but faint,
As it floats on the wind of the years,
A whisper that spring is the last true thing
And that triumph is born of tears.
It comes from a garden of other days,
And an echoing voice that cries,
Behold I am alive for evermore,
And in Me shall the dead arise.*

'Easter' by Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy

Dear friends,

Once, on visit to Worcester Cathedral before heading off on retreat to a Franciscan monastery, I was quite surprised whilst looking around to find a memorial to the infamous First World War chaplain, Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy. I have long been a great admirer of Studdert-Kennedy, the Anglican padre whose enduring poetry continues to tell the story of the Christian gospel amid the sacrifice of war. He is well worth discovering and reading if you haven't already.

The month of November brings with a reminder of the need and the promise of what it means to 'remember' – calling to mind the events and people of the past that shape us and continue to influence us. By doing so, of course, we remember and reaffirm our faith in the God who knows each of his children by name, and that there is hope for every soul through Christ's own sacrifice which has conquered the powers of sin and death.

These patterns of remembrance will, I imagine, take on greater emphasis this year as we continue to live through a time of restriction and limitation, as we prepare for difficult months ahead and as we seek strength to look to the future with hope. The memories of this year will live long in our minds – not just for us as individuals – but also collectively as a nation and as a wider society. There has been much to turn our hearts to worry and anxiety, to fear and trembling, reminders of the cost that the pandemic has wrought on lives and livelihoods around the world and of course closer to home, that will not be easily forgotten. A reminder of our need to continue to pray for all those facing hard and difficult times and choices in the coming months, that God might bless and encourage them and give to those in responsibility the wisdom and compassion to ensure they are not forgotten.



And yet, despite all this difficulty we have opportunities too to remember glimmers of God's goodness and light: the determination and perseverance of many in our communities who have sought to care and support for others in a time of great need, the love of family and friends, and the dedication of those who have continued to their utmost for our common well-being; all instances where we have seen clearly the face of Jesus Christ; where the Spirit of God has been alive and at work in honouring and blessing every good and worthy aspiration.

There is then, as the winter months near, a real need for all of us, indeed for the whole world, to be reminded afresh of what is to be discovered when we place our trust in God, and to come to discover in his Son Jesus Christ, the one who brings lasting comfort and the promise of a reconciling love that brings together all that is fragmented and divided. For it is in the light of Christ's death and resurrection, we know and believe that despair can be turned to hope, bitterness into forgiveness, fear into love and ultimately death into eternal life.

That's exactly what Studdert-Kennedy refers to in his poem 'Easter' with which I began this letter – the hope that finds expression in 'a whisper that spring is the last true thing, and that triumph is born of tears'. A hope which comes from knowing ourselves, our world, and all people redeemed by the unfathomable love of God, in which we possess that peace that passes all understanding. This is a gospel message that takes the bitter realities of life and the burdens that many are forced to carry seriously, and yet, calls to mind the good news of what God has done in Christ – that the truth of Christ's resurrection is to be remembered each and every day, so that we might embrace the life, the light and love that he gives.

It is within that greater hope that we frame all that we do in this month of Remembrance. Acknowledging that, although things continue to be different and demanding, the need for us to remember, to pause, to pray, and to resolve to do what we can to be joyful witnesses to Jesus is more important than ever. For in doing this, those around us, and thus the world, will – we pray – come to believe.

For in our witnessing and our remembering, we call to mind the gift of hope, given new every morning, the means by which we know not only God's grace for ourselves, but much more than that are given that sure and certain hope of that other 'country' to which we belong, where 'soul by soul and silently, her shining bounds increase, and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace'.

May such a promise sustain us all in the month ahead.

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

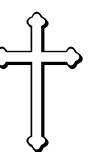
As ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Andrew', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Post Script

As always, if you or anybody you know in the parish would appreciate me being in touch or a phone-call, please do let me know as I'd be delighted to come and see (or speak) to you, or indeed, if there is anything I can remember in my prayers on your behalf. It is always good to catch up, so do be in touch if this would be appreciated. Together as the body of Christ we uphold each other and our wider community in prayer, so please do continue to pray and care for each other, as I pray for you.

Funeral ~ Friday 2nd October
Our prayers and condolences are with the family of
Bob Bowness





The churches of the Kent Estuary Mission Community are continuing to meet twice a month (on the second and fourth Tuesdays) at 10.30am for a time of prayer together.

The meetings are via Zoom using the link:
<http://bit.ly/KEMCPrayer>

It is hoped that these gatherings will serve to strengthen our common faith and shared fellowship across the Kent Estuary as we look ahead together as church communities into the future.

10 November - St Thomas', Milnthorpe
24 November - Storth Village Church
8 December - St Michael and All Angels, Beetham
22 December - Levens Methodist Church

Church of England National Service for Bible Sunday



The weekly national online service for Bible Sunday on 25th October was led by the Rt Rev Dr Emma Ineson, the Bishop of Penrith. The service was filmed at Holy Trinity Kendal and Bishop Emma was joined by people from across Cumbria

To watch the video please go to:-
www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/celebration-bible-sunday

Annual Beetham Church Meetings

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, socially distanced, in Beetham Church on Sunday 18th October

The Annual Reports and Accounts were all agreed and the number registered on the Church Electoral Roll was approved at 82. Thanks were given to Dorothy MacLeod for her time as the PCC secretary and to Jenny Marks who was stepping down after her 6 years as churchwarden. We are delighted to welcome Dianne Lomax as churchwarden, serving alongside Brian Smalley and Ian Stirrup who are standing for another year

The Annual Report & Accounts can be found on our website at beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

Beetham Church Website

A reminder that as the Covid restrictions continue, resources for worship and praise can still be found on our website at beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk



Each week, The Rev'd Andrew Norman and members of the congregation record an online audio service for you to listen to at home. Worship, reflection and readings are combined with music from our organist Geoffrey Field and hymns made available by the choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

The website also contains our weekly church notices, along with links to other online church services at a national and local level, and prayer resources compiled by the Rev'd Andrew each week. You can also find links to all our church YouTube videos.

Please do take a look, and let us know if there is anything else that you would like to see on the website

Beetham Church Harvest Supper At Home



As we were unable to meet in person for this year's Harvest Supper, we decided that the next best thing would be to encourage people to make their own hotpot and be entertained in the comfort of their own homes

The result was a YouTube feast of fun, music, and nostalgia. New sketches were combined with a look back at Suppers past—who can forget some of the famous dance routines of the last few years!

Many thanks to all who gave a donation, raising £172 for the church

If you have not yet watched the video, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRv34DPw-4Y or search for Beetham Church Supper on YouTube

Beetham Church Bellringers



The Beetham Church Handbell Ringers were invited to take part in the BBC Radio Cumbria Breakfast Show hosted by Mike Zeller on Monday 26th October. The discussion was about how groups have adapted during the pandemic and we were interviewed along with the Lakeland Voice choir, who now walk and sing outdoors - socially distanced. We were asked how we now use technology through the online 'Ringin' Room' to help us to keep practicing at home, as we are no longer able to meet in church.

Even though we had only just started to use the online app for the handbells we were able to send in a recording to the programme of us practicing 'Ode to Joy'. The broadcast is available at www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08tts4h, with us ringing across Cumbria at 8.20am!

The weekly Zoom calls continue with both the tower and handbellringers, providing a social catch-up and a chance to share stories (not necessarily campanological) and laughter.

At our last Zoom session we were joined by a camel. We can assure you that this is not a regular occurrence, but all will become clear next month...

Ding dong merrily!



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- Na Mele Makana. Slack key concert series.

Happy November reader! I am quite sure many a doctor would prescribe music if they could. Although it is not unreasonable to realise that many of us do not feel overly musical at the moment. Until that is you try it, in any form. It is unique in its capacity to reach in and distract you and take you somewhere else for a time. Even via the portal of Zoom, (a potential title there....), with its countryside challenges, there is so much fun to be had.

As you may remember, I intimated we were starting on our Christmas repertoire. Well, we are off in fine fashion. There is always something comforting in revisiting familiar Christmas tunes and discovering new arrangements. It is also a good time to join any musical group. It is never too late, too much trouble and importantly for Beetham Community Band, never a must attend every week commitment. No stress is our mantra. No pressures. Just the camaraderie and the chance to make music.

As always contact Tess on 015395 63254 to find out more and if needed how to obtain the use of an instrument. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary, we learn as we go.

Stay safe and hopeful.



School Corner

As I write this month we are now enjoying our half term holiday after a great half term at school. It has been so good to have everyone back and to get into our usual routines. The children have all worked brilliantly and have loved being with their friends and teachers, learning new things and having fun.

KS2 are really enjoying their Anglo-Saxon topic. They have investigated clothing and jewellery from those ancient times and have designed and made some beautiful brooches during their art lessons. In design and technology, the children have been finding out about the different types of buildings in Anglo Saxon times and the materials that were used to make them. They have then made houses, stables and other types of buildings of their own which they have thoroughly enjoyed.

Our 9 Reception children are really settled now and working very hard. As always they bring something very special to our school and the other children are wonderful at helping them to settle in. They made lovely harvest pictures and also enjoyed a special lesson with Father Andrew finding out about the importance of harvest for Christians.

In RE in KS2 the children have been learning about how Muslims and Christians show that they are thankful. Father Andrew came and worked with the children looking at the service of Holy Communion and the symbolism this involves as well as how it is a service of thankfulness for the life of Jesus.

Yr 1 & 2 enjoyed some super Science lessons on materials. They looked at different types of materials, their properties and the different ways in which they could be sorted. This was combined with maths work using Venn diagrams as a way of recording their science activities.

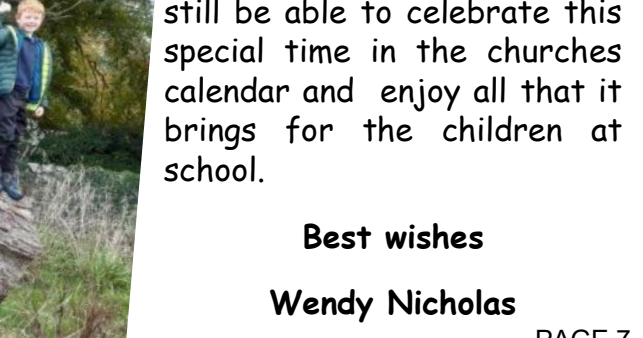
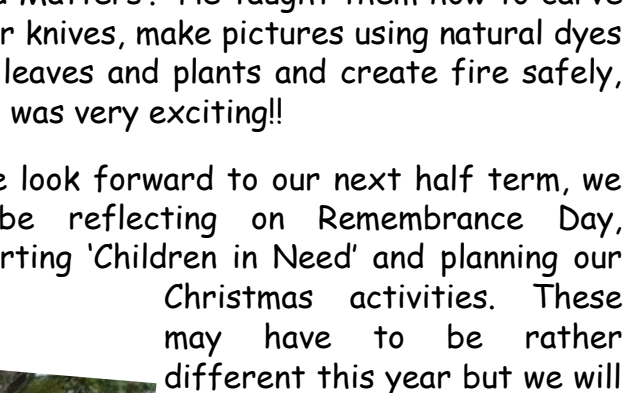
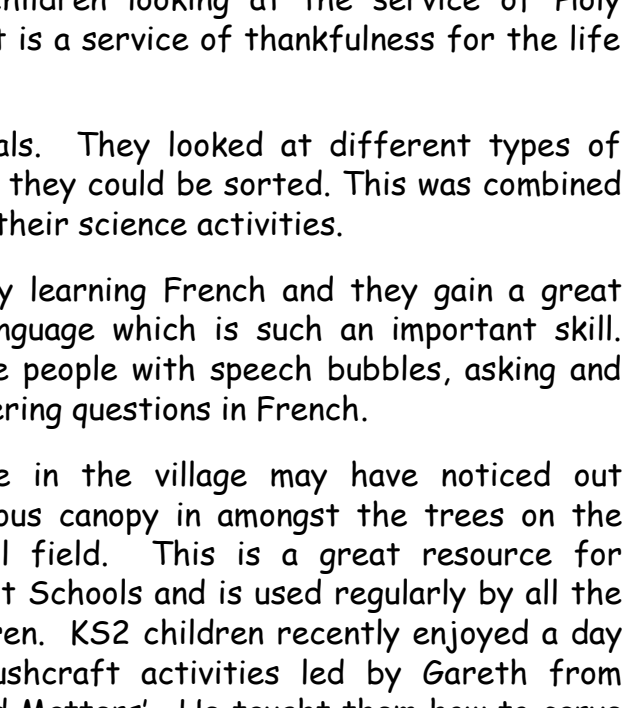
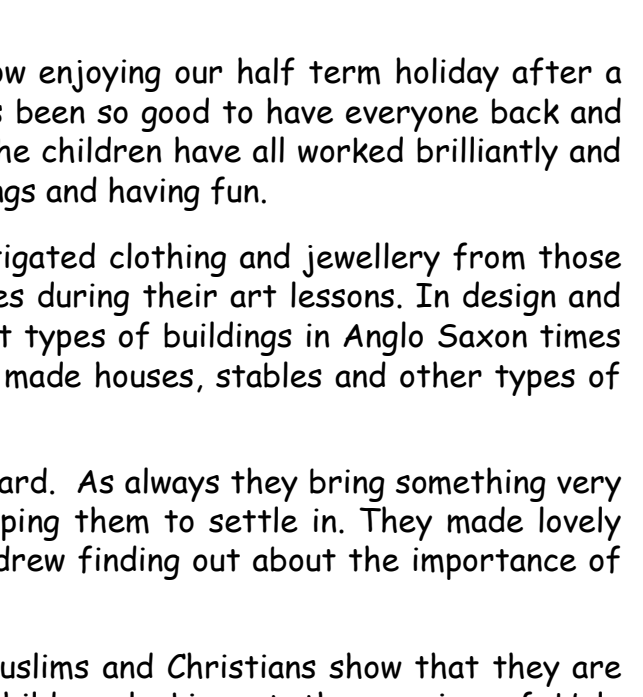
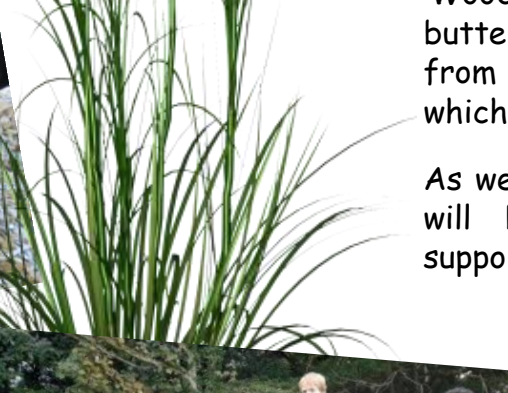
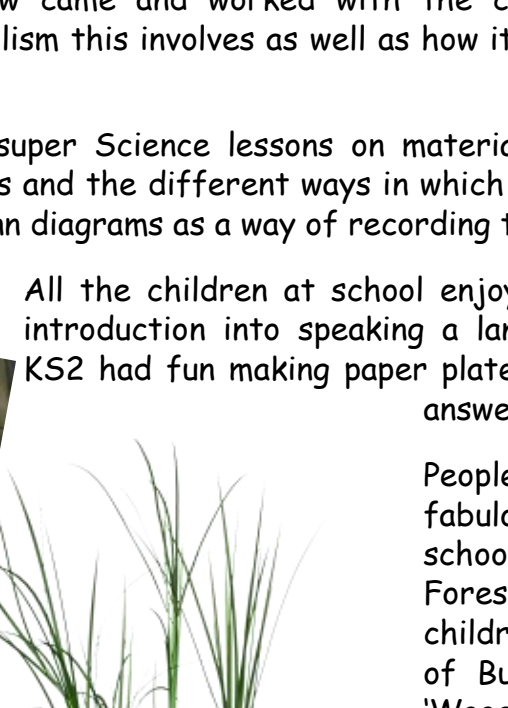
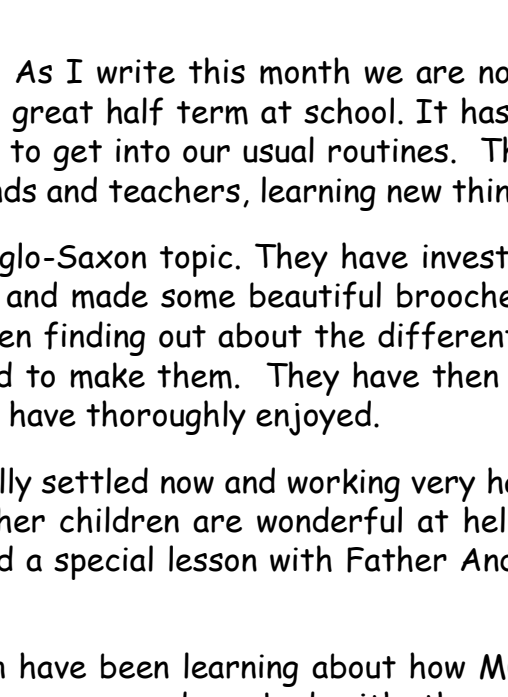
All the children at school enjoy learning French and they gain a great introduction into speaking a language which is such an important skill. KS2 had fun making paper plate people with speech bubbles, asking and answering questions in French.

People in the village may have noticed out fabulous canopy in amongst the trees on the school field. This is a great resource for Forest Schools and is used regularly by all the children. KS2 children recently enjoyed a day of Bushcraft activities led by Gareth from 'Wood Matters'. He taught them how to carve butter knives, make pictures using natural dyes from leaves and plants and create fire safely, which was very exciting!!

As we look forward to our next half term, we will be reflecting on Remembrance Day, supporting 'Children in Need' and planning our Christmas activities. These may have to be rather different this year but we will still be able to celebrate this special time in the churches calendar and enjoy all that it brings for the children at school.

Best wishes

Wendy Nicholas



Heron Corn Mill

Mixed Media Felting Workshop

Friday 11th December 10.00am - 4.00pm

Erika's Mixed Media Felting workshop will take place in the barn on 11th Dec. An exciting opportunity to experiment with materials like handmade paper, painted silks, and others which you will use to felt with merino wool to create your own unique textile pieces! Cost £55, including all materials so there will be no extra cost on the day. For more information or to book your place, please contact Erika by emailing sojkova1@gmail.com

Rustic Afternoon Tea Boxes

Saturday 14th November 2.00pm - 5.00pm

For savouries there are a selection of sandwiches to choose from, a homemade sausage roll, a beetroot & feta samosa, and a tomato, black olive and basil cocktail stick, followed by a selection of sweets. The boxes are priced at £15 per person, for collection on 14th November. You can order by completing the form at www.heronmill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Rustic-Tea-2020-Order-Form-scaled.jpg. The Afternoon Tea Boxes are being sold to raise funds for our older people's Christmas lunch, which this year will also come in a box that will include a delicious Christmas lunch, activities, and some extra special surprises!



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Increasing new COVID-19 cases within Cumbria continue to cause concern although South Cumbria currently remains at Tier 1, with the exception of Barrow, which is now Tier 2

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- Businesses and venues can continue to operate in a Covid-secure manner
- Hospitality venues must ensure that customers only consume food and drink while seated and must close between 10pm and 5am
- Schools remain open
- Places of worship remain open
- Exercise classes and organised sport can continue outdoors, or indoors if the Rule of 6 is followed

Everyone should continue to wear a face covering in mandatory areas, follow social distancing rules, work from home if you can, and walk or cycle where possible or avoid busy times on public transport. **You are being strongly advised that groups of six should include people from no more than TWO households.**

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Access to the Food Bank is via referral from local agencies, community leaders and support workers. If you think you need help, you can contact South Lakes Citizens Advice on 03444 111 444 for a referral

If you would like to donate food to the food bank there are permanent collection points at a number of places including St Thomas' Milnthorpe, St Peter's Heversham, Storth Village Church and Arnside Methodist Church



Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on
Monday 2nd November
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