Beetham Village Act of Remembrance will take place at the Beetham War Memorial on Sunday 12th November, with the laying of wreaths, Beetham Roll of Honour, sounding of the Last Post and 2 minute silence. Please assemble at 10.45am.

This will be followed by the Remembrance Eucharist in church

Brain of Beetham Quiz

This month our Quizmaster Clive Holden asks us to identify 'Which Insect/Insects..?'

- 1. Inspired Vaughan Williams?
- 2. Had Cobweb, Peas-blossom and Mustard-seed as friends?
- 3. Was Ambroise on French tv, but not on the BBC?
- 4. Lets you join his club if you have parachuted to safety?
- 5. Is apparently pious?
- 6. Helps distant potting?
- 7. Was unhealthy for Luther?
- 8. Should ideally measure 2.54 cms.?
- 9. Can interrupt you in mid-sentence?
- 10. Provided backing for a popular singer?

Answers to the October edition 'Sisters' quiz:-

- 1) Francoise Dorleac and Catherine Deneuve (real name Dorleac). Francoise was killed when she crashed her car at the age of only only 26.
- 2) The comediennes Elsie and Doris Waters were the sisters of Jack Warner (real name Waters) alias Dixon of Dock Green.
- 3) Olympic was a sister ship of the Titanic.
- 4) Dorothy Wyndlow Pattison, known as Sister Dora, was a nurse in Walsall in the 19th Century who was much loved, especially by the railwaymen. When she died aged 46 a locomotive was named in her honour and there is a statue of her in the town.
- 5) Sisters of Mercy no further explanation needed.
- 6) Whoopi Goldberg starred in the film 'Sister Act' in 1992.
- 7) Goneril spoke these words in 'King Lear' but she was a liar.
- 8) Olivia de Havilland appeared in the film 'Gone With The Wind', and her sister Joan Fontaine (real name de Havilland) had the title role in 'Jane Eyre'. As a child Jane attended Lowood, a girls' boarding school.
- 9) Laverne (1915 -67), Maxene (1919 95) and Patty (1920 2013) were the Andrews Sisters who sang in many 1940s films.
- 10) Joy, the oldest of the Beverley Sisters, married Billy Wright, who had for several years captained the England football team.





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OUR ENDOWMENT

Endowment from the Dictionary endowment in day.mant

NOUN: A gift, in particular that with which something is endowed; a gift to ensure the future.

You may already be familiar with the use of the word in financial terms – a sum of money given to enable a fund to be established for the long term.

But the word endowment has a wider meaning than just a monetary one: we can also use it to describe any gift intended for perpetual benefit. For example: "The Princess of Wales is endowed with an easy charm and good humour which seems never to desert her"., and there are no doubt many more possible examples of the use of the term in this "giftedness" manner.

We have very recently completed the reordering project in the Church building, creating much more usable space yet being especially careful to retain the fine craftsmanship which defines the character of the interior and the sense of special place.

Very recently, one of our regular church member's first impressions prompted him to say "Wow, it looks like a cathedral!" Is, then, the Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels in Beetham "The Cathedral of South Westmorland" you may well ask? It IS at the centre of our village and has been, for over a thousand years. It is and has always been at the centre of life here: baptisms, weddings and funerals; regular services of



worship and the nucleus of social life too. Evidence of this is offered by the remains of the Market Cross in the churchyard.



In this sense, then, the Church is indeed "Our Endowment". But the Church is not merely the building: it is, more importantly, the people who are the Church. That is all of us, whether we realise it or not. Our endowment is, therefore, the dedication, hard work and generosity of time and resources of all those who support it and invest their efforts into keeping it so.

I find it thought-provoking that the National Trust, that sheetanchor preserver of so much of our Nation's heritage, has recently proclaimed that it cannot be relied upon to sustain the upkeep of further land and buildings unless a substantial sum of

money is provided as an endowment for ongoing upkeep and maintenance costs. There is no escaping the reality that things do cost money. Of course, I am NOT proposing that we surrender our local treasure – perish the thought!

But my point is this: it is WE who are the endowment that sustains the Church, its building and all that goes on in and around it! And, by this, I do not simply mean our money, but rather the time, care, concern, promotion, attention and support that so many give freely.

Thank you all – and do please continue to do all you can in whatever way possible.

John Lomax

Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman

Dear friends,

As I write these words, peoples and nations across the world are once again coming to terms with the reality and pain of war. The escalating and deepening conflict in Israel and Gaza and the immense suffering being felt by communities across the Holy Land is, as our news coverage reminds us, a cause of particular concern, worry and anxiety for so many.

Perhaps, even more than usual we feel that our thoughts, prayers and our actions are to be inadequate to the demands of the time; not sure of what can be done to stem the

hatred, bitterness and enmity that divides nations, communities and relationships in such painful ways. When we view this alongside the ongoing war in Ukraine, and the sectarian conflicts common to so many nations including at the moment in Sudan, we can be left feeling at the best disheartened and the worst lacking in any sense of meaningful hope. We live in an age where the reality of war is ever-present and where the promise of peace seems, too often, a distant dream.

In the acceptance speech made in the auditorium of the University of Oslo on December 1964 when he accepted the Nobel Prize for Peace, Martin Luther King said this:

'Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace, and thereby transform this pending cosmic elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. If this is to be achieved, man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.'

As a committed Christian, and as one who understood the need for the justice, reconciliation and peace given in the Scriptures, Martin Luther King - despite the particular trials that he endured - looked forward to a day when the 'pending cosmic elegy of war' would give way to a 'creative psalm of brotherhood'. Recognising that humanity needed to look beyond itself, and ultimately to God, to find the help and encouragement needed to bring this about.

In the Old Testament prophecy of Micah, writing in the eighth century BC and in a time beset by war, factionalism, and trouble, we find these words:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.'

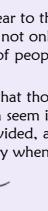
They are words which continue to challenge us still today, not least when the peacefulness of which Micah spoke can seem so remote from our knowledge of how we know the world to be. And yet in doing so, though written for altogether different world and time, they hold before us a vision - hopeful and persistent of the world and human society as God intends it to be. When in learning the ways of the Lord and having confidence to walk in his paths, we find the courage and means to beat swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, to dispense attitudes of enmity and hatred and to seek first that which work for peace and builds up the common life we share.

In the month of November, we think on these things with particular focus as draw near to the time when - in solidarity with generations past - we stand in solemn remembrance, bringing to mind not only the cost of war and the price of peace. Calling to mind as we do our commitment to being peace of people today through our actions as well as our prayers.

In doing so we remember that Christianity is, above all, a faith rooted in hope, and that those who follow in the way of Jesus Christ are called to be people of hope in a world where it can often seem in short supply. A hope that shines light in darkness, brings love amidst fear, reconciles that which is divided, and proclaims the reliability of the life God gives even in death's dark shadow. Looking forward to a day when 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.'

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

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Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

Over the years millions of children have benefitted from this appeal and you can make a real difference to a child this Christmas. Toys must be new, and can include dolls, teddy bears, bath toys, cars, colouring sets, books, puzzles, family CDs and DVDs, stationery and educational

games. You can also bring gloves, scarves and hats. If you would like to donate please leave your gifts at the back of the church

Thank you for your generosity

Tess Rowlands



Dates for your Diary

As we enter a busy period in our church year, here is a reminder of forthcoming dates for your diary:-

Sunday 5th Nov, 6pm All Souls Service Sunday 12th Nov, 10.45am Act of Remembrance Saturday 25th Nov. 11am School Winter Fair Saturday 2nd Dec, 4pm Brightening Beetham Sunday 3rd Dec, 6pm Advent Carol Service Saturday 9th Dec, 2.30pm Blackburn People's Choir Sunday 17th Dec, 6pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Wednesday 20th Dec. 6pm Carol singing, Slackhead Thursday 21st Dec, 6pm Carol singing, Beetham Sunday 24th Dec, 4pm Crib & Christingle Service Sunday 24th Dec, 11.30pm Midnight Mass Monday 25th Dec, 11am Christmas Day Eucharist Sunday 31st Dec, 6pm No Evensong service

Unless otherwise stated, our 11am Parish Eucharist and 6pm Evensong services will continue as normal



Royal School of Church Music Choral Evensong

Members of Beetham Church Choir took part in the enjoyable RSCM Harvest Choral Evensong at St Andrew's Church Penrith on Sunday 8th October, The Evensong was videoed and can be watched on YouTube by searching for 'RSCM Evensong Penrith'



Cumbria Community Foundation, through funding donations, has established **Age Friendly South Lakeland** and now employs an Age Friendly Coordinator, Katie Gatt, for a two year period. Katie is keen to hear from residents aged 50 plus across South Lakeland and she has sent out the attached survey: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HGM5SWW which closes on Sunday 12th November.

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Please do be in touch with Andrew you would like to receive the parish email, if there is any support or encouragement he can offer, if you would have any questions about services church life or the Christian faith, or if you would like anyone or anything remembered in prayer. He would be very pleased to hear from you.

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Grand Hamper Raffle

The Friends of Beetham Church will be selling Grand Hamper Raffle tickets from mid-November to be drawn at the Beetham CE School Winter Fair

We would welcome donations of contents for the hampers. No fresh food please, but jars of chutney, biscuits, chocolates,

small Christmas cakes, wine, crackers and any other Christmas items will be very gratefully received. Please bring any contributions to church from 5th-19th November. Thank you!

Christmas Cards

The church will be producing new Christmas cards this year depicting a skilfully crafted Nativity scene made by Paul McDowell from the surplus pieces of pew wood. Do visit Paul's stall at the Winter Fair. The church will have a selection of cards and notelets available on their stall at the Fair and they will also be available at the back of the church

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Happy November everyone! I thought that before I wander off in my wheelchair to meander through the 🕽 autumn leaves I would like to share some of the benefits of music with you. I never tire from relating my 🖡 discoveries. What I can tell you is that they are all true and I am an example of the power of music...read on

'Playing an instrument (including the voice) may be one of the best ways to keep the brain healthy, as it 🕏 engages every major part of the central nervous system as it taps into both the right 2 and left parts of the brain' John Dani PhD

I know this to be true but thought I would back it up with actual medical evidence. It also increases brain 🕻 functions for essential cognitive skills such as focus and memory. As I have often said the benefits to mental health are huge. Music reduces anxiety, stress and symptoms of depression. It really puts you in the 'moment'. 🕻 You do not even need to be an accomplished musician to reap the benefits from the first time you begin. As 🕏 you can tell I am passionate about sharing how wonderful music is plus the people, the friends you make and 4 the support offered. There are ways and means to facilitate access to music and instruments. Just pop into 5 St Michael and All Angels Church on a Saturday morning or call me on 07725580095 for more information.

'KEEP MOVING FORWARD, OPENING NEW DOORS, AND DOING NEW THINGS, BECAUSE WE'RE 🥻 CURIOUS AND CURIOSITY KEEPS LEADING US DOWN NEW PATHS'

As you know we are racing towards Christmas and we will be out and about playing. We will be playing at 🌡 Beetham Nurseries on the 1st and 2nd of December from 9.30 am until 10.30am. It was a fabulous 🅇 introduction to the festive month last year, so much going on to get you in the spirit.

Early in the evening of the 2ND OF DECEMBER IS THE SWITCH ON FOR BRIGHTENING BEETHAM. A 🕽 wonderful community occasion, the lighting up of the christmas trees in the Church grounds and around Beetham. Music, mince pies, mulled wine and merriment and any other joyous word beginning with M! For 🛊 more information or if you would like to sponsor a tree please contact me on 07725580095.

'THE LAST MONTH OF AUTUMN, BUT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ADVENTURE. TIME TO TAKE RISKS AND DO THE UNEXPECTED'

Until next time, much love and kindness, \$













Harvest Supper

The Annual Church Harvest Supper took place in the Heron Corn Mill Barn on 29th September, where we were once again served delicious Hot Pot and apple crumble, provided with grateful thanks to Alison Thompson and her hardworking team. This was followed by the raffle where Colin & Julie Clarke had successfully cajoled us all into buying plenty of tickets, with the result of the evening contributing over £400 to church funds

Then it was time for the regular after-supper entertainment provided by the usual suspects except that this year they really were suspects as the theme was the 'Mysterious Case of the Disappearing Pews'. Set in the local holiday camp 'Beeplins', the audience were treated to prose, poetry, song, dance and magic from the Hi-de-Hi entertainment team, and eventually the dastardly crime was solved. Thanks go to the Friends of Beetham Church and all who took part - to John & Dianne Lomax for organising the evening and script, to Andy MacLeod for the photographs, to all who set up and waited on with food and drinks, to the audience for laughing in the right places, and to Geoff Field for filling in all the gaps (planned and unplanned) with music. Please join us for the Shrove Tuesday Supper on 13th February 2024!





























Saturday 2nd December at 4pm

Come and help with The Big Switch-On of the churchyard & village trees to Brighten Beetham for December

Join us from 3.45pm at Beetham Church for music, mince pies and mulled wine!













At the beginning of October we held our Harvest Festival. In a change to tradition, due to the reordering work at church, we held our celebration at Beetham Nurseries in their marquee. During the service we heard songs and poems from the children as well as found out about lots of different types of fruit and vegetables from around the world. Thank you to everyone who attended the service and to those who were able to donate to our collection for Milnthorpe Foodbank. We are also very grateful to Beetham Nurseries for allowing us to hold the celebration in their marquee - it was a lovely setting.

Early November also saw the children learning more about Africa and in particular Kenya. We welcomed Peter Nutsford in to school and he spoke to the children about different aspects of life in Africa. Peter lives in both the UK and Kenya so was able to give us first had information about Hippos waking you up in the morning and the sounds of the hyenas. The children were really engaged with the photos and videos that Peter presented as well as the Kenyan artefacts. Our thanks go to Peter for his time and enthusiasm - we look forward to welcoming him back into school again.

We are very privileged to have a great working relationship with Lakeland Wildlife Oasis. They provide our school dinners each day and we also have a yearly membership with them to visit their site and see the animals. All our classes have been to Wildlife Oasis this half term to learn about God's creations, meerkats and develop understanding of geography when learning where all the animals are native too. This membership really allows our children to put their learning into context.

We finished the term with a spectacularly spooky disco in school on Thursday. There were some scary and ghoulish outfits and wild and wicked dancing! Thank you to everyone who helped on the night and organising in the build-up.

Our final day of half term was a windy affair but that did not stop our Ultimate Frisbee sessions. We welcomed George from Sports Cool who worked with all the children throughout the school during the morning. He will also be starting an after-school club on a Tuesday after half term which we are really looking forward to.

It has been such a busy half term with so much learning happening for all children inside and outside of the classroom.

During November we will be hosting an Open Day. If you would like to come and see our school in action then please feel free to come along.

OPEN DAY

Friday 17th November 2023 School tours: 9:30am, 11am, 2pm

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A busy October for the WI

On a very wet afternoon in early October, about a dozen of us ventured out to Silverdale and in full waterproofs and umbrellas we were greeted at the entrance of Ridgeway Park by Ruth Grimley (who happens to be a member of the Lancashire WI Federation). She kindly gave us an informative tour of the restored gardens, originally designed by Thomas Mawson, and despite the rain – or because of it – we found the different sections of gardens, in all their



Autumn glory, quite a magical place. For those who saw it years ago at the beginning of the restoration, they were amazed at the transformation which is still on-going but is all thanks to the owner, Brian, and to Ruth and their volunteers. After a walk back to Wolf House Café a hot drink and cake helped dry us out!



The following week we were introduced to the ancient Chinese art of mindful exercises called 'Qigong' by Debra Haddaway. All those who took part enjoyed the thought provoking and relaxing exercises. Some of the committee attended information sessions at the Federation's offices in Kendal during October where it was also a chance to meet up with others in our Cumbria-Westmorland group.

We have had a couple of sessions at the M:Hub enjoying Friday morning coffee whilst making yellow poppies and wreaths. We will

be laying a yellow wreath at Beetham's War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday in memory of the

thousands of women who worked in munitions factories during the two World Wars. Those that worked with the toxic chemicals (TNT) found their skin and hair turned yellow and they were nicknamed 'The Canary Girls'. Though the colour disappeared, in time, many had various long-term health effects. Some even gave birth to yellow babies. The people who worked in these factories were also at great risk of being killed or injured from tragic accidents on site as well as possible bombings. More information can be seen on our Noticeboard in the village along with our forthcoming events. Contact

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One of the ways that you can really benefit the church is by joining a cleaning session. It is such a beautiful building but it needs regular care to maintain the welcoming atmosphere that we are well-known for. The more volunteers that we have, the more we can spread the work. Even just joining us on an occasional basis would help us so much

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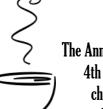
All talks are on a Thursday, starting at 10am, with a break for coffee around 11am, then questions to the speaker.

Everyone welcome. No need to book in advance. £2.50 for one talk (including refreshments) or £18 for all 12



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Storth Village Hall

The Annual Charity Fair will be held on Saturday 4th November from 9.30-1.30. All the usual charity stalls, hot lunches will be available. Admission £1 including coffee & biscuits

The 24th Annual Coffee Morning in aid of St John's Hospice and Hospice at Home will be held on Saturday 18th November from 9.45-11.45.

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Monday 6th November at 7pm

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