Brain of Beetham Quiz

This month our Quizmaster Clive Holden asks us all about 'Royalty'

Which royal member...?

- 1. Had to be ransomed?
- 2. Was the last to lead his troops to battle?
- 3. Was partnered by Louis Greig?
- 4. Was also the seventh?
- 5. Battled at Battle?
- 6. Was the Sailor King?
- 7. Was too fond of fish?
- 8. Had famine, sword and fire, crouch for employment?
- 9. Was the Peace Maker?
- 10. Was banned from the coronation?
- 11. Approved the authorised version?
- 12. Was unusually tall at 6 ft. 2 in. ?

Answers to the March edition 'Plants and Flowers' quiz:-



- 1) Bugle.
- 2) Lupin (Arsene Lupin).
- 3) Sesame.
- 4) Phlox.
- 5) Thyme.
- 6) Daisy.
- 7) Clover (Animal Farm).
- 8) Thrift (12-sided threepenny bit).
- 9) Foxglove.
- 10) Marigold.
- 11) Primrose.
- 12) Shamrock.

The Call of God (translation of a notice in a church in France)

When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear the call of God. However, it is unlikely that he will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phone.

If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

With thanks to Jenny Andrews for this contribution!

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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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"Oh to be in England Now that April's there"

Thus mused the Victorian poet, Robert Browning, in his poem, Home Thoughts from Abroad, written whilst on a visit to Italy in 1845. The poem conjures up a feeling of longing and nostalgia for his home country, a country where the hedgerows were in blossom, daffodils fluttered and danced in the breeze; where the sun shone on the green fields; where "the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough". Somewhat ironically, the poet was soon to abandon the England of his imagination in favour of a permanent residence in Italy, where he remained until his death in 1889.

The England of Browning's 1845 dream was a very different place from the England of today. And it was certainly a dream which bore little resemblance to reality – at least to the reality of life for most people. There was widespread poverty, both in the rapidly expanding cities of the Industrial Revolution and in the countryside where changes in farming organisation and practice had led to widespread unemployment and loss of livelihood. England was a country that still transported those found guilty of petty crimes - I have a cousin in Australia thanks to this practice; our great-great grandfather brothers were convicted of stealing some corn in rural Norfolk – probably because their children were starving. Jacob was sentenced to transportation for 7 years, leaving behind a wife and family who were forced by the existing Poor Laws to return to his wife's home parish, thus being separated from the support of other family members. Jacob never returned to England and when he had served his sentence settled into a new life and started a second family with a new partner in Australia. The England of 1845 was no rural idyll.

One of the factors that was responsible for increasing poverty and resentment amongst (particularly) agricultural workers was the Tithe system: this required that one tenth of the gross parish harvest be given to the church. To this day, Tithe Barns, which stored the parish 'share', can be found all over the country and are often listed buildings attracting visitors and tourists to view their rustic charm.

Today, most of us today welcome April with the same feelings as those expressed by Robert Browning. After the dark, cold, (and in 2024 especially) wet winter months, the arrival of April promises better times to come. The swathes of daffodils in the churchyard and along the roadside are creating a glorious dash of colour in a heretofore drab scene. By the time you read this (unless the editor publishes early!), Easter Day, with its promise of life restored, will have come and gone. British Summer Time will have started and in the world about us, signs that the natural world is



rebounding from the hibernation of winter will be in full evidence. We cannot change the past, but as we look to the future let us be thankful for God's gifts that enrich our world today and contribute to our own health and prosperity.

Brian Smalley

Letter from The Curate

EMPTY!

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. (Luke 24.1-2)

"It's empty!" the women who appear at the tomb on that first Easter Sunday may have said with dismay and confusion. When we find that things are empty, we usually have a negative response - whether it's our wine glass or the food cupboard, the petrol tank or our bank account, yet another discarded plastic bottle or a bombed house, a promise or a feeling of the soul, the hospital bed or that chair...



Finding things empty is often hard. Finding things empty doesn't normally fill us with joy and confidence.

And yet, there is something positive in the emptiness that those women found 3 days after the crucifixion of Jesus - something good that can help us to cope with all the other emptiness.

The darkness of the events of Good Friday can seem hard to imagine. A good and innocent man was put to death. This man who had been healing bodies, hearts and lives, who had been teaching the good and loving ways of God, who had been inviting people to find rest and peace in his promises, and who had been offering people the gift of eternal life. That man was killed.

And so Jesus lay in a blackened tomb – a ton-weight stone sealing him in. The emptiness of the hearts of his followers must have been so very hard to bear.

However, let's not forget that this was the man who had been healing bodies, hearts and lives, who had been teaching the good and loving ways of God, who had been inviting people to find rest and peace in his promises, and who had been offering people the gift of eternal life!

The brutal death and dark tomb was the only way he could follow through on the promises. But, this wasn't the end of the story. For such was that man that the tomb could not contain the power and love that he embodied. The Son of God burst from death to life revealing an empty tomb that speaks of an open way to life in all its fullness. The emptiness is an invitation to us from the Creator of the universe – one that beckons us into relationship with that man.

When we feel empty ourselves or we are weighed down with the emptiness we see and experience around us, there is something – someone – that can flood in and fill the space with the love that we all so need, love that is so plentiful that it couldn't be contained in the tomb.

In the emptiness of life, we find despair, lack, longing, suffering, fear, absence.

In the emptiness of the tomb, we find hope, meaning, comfort, new life, light, presence.

In the emptiness of the tomb, we find that we are found!

In love, Hannah

If you are in any way struggling with emptiness, and would like to know more about this man, Jesus, or would like to just have a chat or be prayed for, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



On Thursdays 18th April through to 23rd May plus optional session on 13th June 1.30-3.30pm in Storth Village Church

The Bereavement Journey is a series of films and discussion groups that gently guide people bereaved at any time through the most common aspects of grief and bereavement, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps.

Usually run by churches, the course uniquely offers a final session on faith questions in bereavement, provided from a Christian perspective. This follows the main sessions and is optional, making The Bereavement Journey suitable for people of any faith or none.

For more info or to book (limited spaces), please contact Revd Hannah Wallace revhannahwallace@gmail.com / 01524 449035

The Annual Beetham Church Meetings will be held in church on Sunday 14th April at 12.15pm



The Annual Report & Accounts will be available at the back of church and on the church website on the About Us / Annual Reports webpage. Please do take time to read it as a reminder of just how much activity is constantly taking place in church and behind the scenes!

Murder Before Evensong?

Anyone that has read the Revd Richard Coles 'Murder Before Evensong' or 'A Death in the Parish', or watched the many episodes of 'Midsomer Murders' where bellringers, choristers, churchwardens, vergers and flower arrangers all come to a sticky end, may well be wondering why anyone volunteers for a role in the church. Luckily it isn't quite like that here in the Parish of Beetham and volunteering is rewarding, not perilous, so why not give it a go?

We are all used to looking after ourselves and our homes - form filling, negotiating with utilities, managing our day-to-day finances, DIY maintenance, getting quotes for bigger jobs, cleaning, shopping, gardening, keeping ourselves safe and healthy, listening to each other, and chatting to neighbours. We do this perfectly well on our own, or with our partners and families. Yet when it comes to doing exactly the same jobs in the church it somehow seems daunting. But all those tasks done by just 1 or 2 people at home are shared among 3 churchwardens, 9 PCC members, treasurer, secretary, safeguarding officer, and numerous sub-committee members. Please think about using your home skills at church, even just for one year, to be a part of this caring team

Please join the churches of the Kent Estuary at our next

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on

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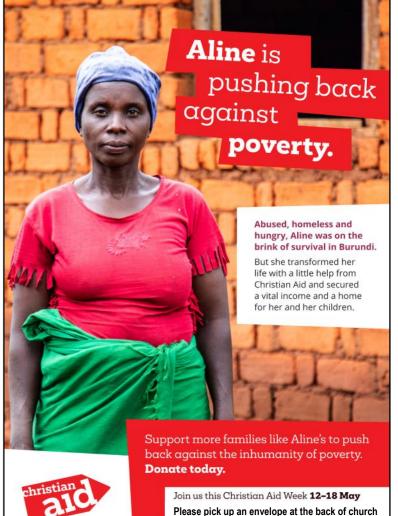
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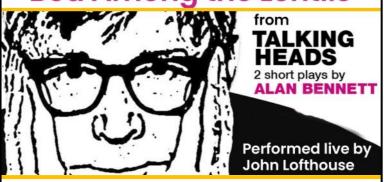
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A Chip in the Sugar & Bed Among the Lentils



Sunday 14th April at 5pm

in St Michael & All Angels, Beetham

Tickets £10

From the Friends of Beetham Church Committee or on Ticketsource

Afternoon tea will be available before the performance from 4pm - donations welcomed

his amateur production of A Chip in the Sugar and Bed Among the Lentils is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

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Saturday 25th ~ Monday 27th May

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and music

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Choral Evensong



"MUSIC, WHEN SOFT VOICES DIE, VIBRATES THE MEMORY"

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Well happy April one and all. Spring has finally sprung, the overture to summer can begin.

As you know dear reader, I have a passion for music in all its forms. It has played such a huge part in my life and at times been the buoy needed to stop me sinking. Music, for everyone, is the link between friends, family and precious memories.

Whilst not wishing to give a blow by blow account (see what I did there?), music is helping rewire my brain to enable me to sing again. I will not lie, it is hard work, but it is working. Blessed as I am with a very knowledgeable friend without whom I would not have come this far. Last night, using new techniques, I managed to sing two lines of Happy Birthday! A huge achievement for someone who prior to this development would love to sing arias, choral works, anything. Miraculous! So I hope you do not mind my sharing with you. It is important to back up my ongoing musical references with proof that music really does deliver. I will keep you posted.

So back to Beetham Community Band business. Oh we are having fun getting ready for the season ahead. Flower Festival, Sports Day, and numerous opportunities to perform as they pop up. There are new pieces; some are just Challenging enough but they show how far we have come individually and as a band. Proof in the musical pudding that that we are all re-wiring our brains no matter what age - there is so much unexplored room in our brains and music finds it. So why not join us, just pop in and explore what music can do for you.

"IF EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT, YOU WOULD NEVER GROW" Beyonce

Before I sign off on behalf of the band, I would like to thank yet another generous benefactor. We have been gifted an accordion which belonged to one of our original members. A generous gift and one waiting to be played. Could that be YOU? Many thanks, it means a great deal to us all.

"IF YOU PLAY MUSIC WITH PASSION AND LOVE AND HONESTY, THEN IT WILL NOURISH YOUR SOUL, HEAL YOUR WOUNDS & MAKE YOUR LIFE WORTH LIVING. MUSIC IS ITS OWN REWARD"

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As always to know more or book the band (no Charge) please Call 07725580095.

Until May, much love and kindness. Tess

Beetham Big Duck Day Saturday 4th May, 11am

Annual Duck Race

on the River Bela at Ellers Meadow with grateful thanks to Mr & Mrs Gardner

- Fantastical Duckreations round the village*

 Race Heats on the River from 11am
- ↑ The 3 winning ducks of all 10 heats go forward to the GrandQuackers Final → Tote Refreshments, Duck-related Stalls → Games
- * If you live in Beetham please can you have your duckreations ready for judging by 9.30am, to be in with the chance of winning the coveted rosettes and special prizes...

Lent Charity Soup Lunch, 14th March

Our last Lent Lunch was held on March 11th 2020, little knowing that it would be just a few hours before the pandemic was declared. This made our reintroduction of the Lent Soup Lunch a very special event, and it was

delightful to hold it in our more spacious reordered church. 18 people enjoyed delicious soups and bread, and friendly chatter. Thanks go to all who made the soups, waited on, and washed up, and especially to all who donated to raise over £170 for Christian Aid



Mothering Sunday

Thank you to Dianne Lomax for organising two teams of volunteers that went firstly into Beetham CE School to help make daffodil posies with a handwritten label, for every child in the school to take home. Then more posies were made in church the following day, to be blessed at the Mothering Sunday Morning Service and distributed to every member of the congregation



Thanks also go to all those who helped with collecting greenery, and all who distributed the posies in church and in the community

How to Win on Duck Day

1. Own a duck

Each duck in the 10 race heats is numbered. You can 'own' a duck by buying a ticket with the heat number and duck number on it (eg Heat 5, Duck 22). Tickets cost £1 and can be purchased in advance from Friends of Beetham Church or on the day (although they sell out fast). The winning three duck owners in each heat will go forward to the Final where your duck will be given a name (Alfie, Betty etc). The winning owner of the Final will receive £100 cash, & many other prizes available

2. Bet on the GrandQuackers Final Tote

The 30 ducks in the Final will each be named instead of numbered. Even if you do not own a winning duck you can still buy tote tickets on the day for £1. If your chosen duck name comes 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the Final you will win cash prizes!

Scripture Cake Challenge (with thanks to Geoff Field's sister)

I've always enjoyed singing R. Vaughan Williams' anthem 'O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him', which is based on Psalm 34 v8, so I was quite intrigued, when going through my Grandma's old cookery book, to find a recipe for Scripture Cake. In order to work out which ingredients to use you will first have to look up the Bible references given below. Unfortunately, there were no instructions about what sort of tin to use, what temperature to bake it at or how long to bake for and there seemed to be a strange proportion of amounts, so I had to modify it before giving it a trial run.

Cake Ingredients

135g	Judges 5 v 25 *
135g	Jeremiah 6 v 20 ^
2 large	Isaiah 10 v 14
135g	1 Kings 4 v 22
1 teaspoon	Leviticus 23 vs 6-8 "
3 teaspoons	1 Kings 10 v 10
½ teaspoon	Leviticus 2 v 13
60g	1 Samuel 30 v 12
100g chopped	Nahum 3 v 12 +
50g flaked	Genesis 43 v 11
4 fl oz	Judges 4 v 19
I tablespoon	Proverbs 24 v 13

(I substituted butter/margarine for the *curds, light brown sugar for the ^sweet cane, baking powder for the "yeast, dates for the +figs and was very relieved to find there were no locusts involved!)

Topping (Burnt Jeremiah Sauce) ingredients

190g caster	Jeremiah 6 v 20
4 fl oz	Genesis 24 v45
32a	Genesis 18 v 8

Cake Preparation - do you dare to give it a try?

- 1. Preheat oven to 190c or 375F. Line or grease and flour a 2lb loaf tin.
- 2. Chop dates and add to raisins and flaked almonds. Roll them in a little flour to prevent them sinking.
- 3. Mix the SR flour, spices, salt and baking powder in a small bowl.
- 4. Separate the eggs and beat the whites to stiff peaks in another bowl. 5. Cream together the butter/margarine & sugar in a large mixing bowl.
- 6. Beat in the egg yolks
- 7. Add the flour mixture, milk and honey and mix well
- 8. Fold in the fruit and nut mix, and gently fold in the beaten egg whites.
- 9. Spoon the batter into the prepared tin and bake for approximately 45 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean.
- 10. To serve, dust with icing sugar once the cake has cooled, or pour over some 'Burnt Jeremiah sauce', (instruction 11 below).
- 11. Melt the caster sugar over a low heat, stirring occasionally to prevent it sticking. After all the sugar has melted, keep cooking and stirring until it is a dark golden colour. Add the water and cook, stirring frequently until it is smooth. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the butter/margarine until it melts. Allow the sauce to cool, then drizzle it over the cake, adding a few sliced almonds for a garnish.

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School Cornier

Science week was a great success. All our children visited Wildlife Oasis where we learnt about the effect of deforestation on wildlife and the environments.

Dr Amanda Hartley visited us virtually to tell us about DNA and we all took part in activities including reading her books. We welcomed Donna Moore, the school nurse, to talk to us about Healthy Packed lunches; Walter the Wolf who talked to us about fitness and fair play as well as completed activities in our own classrooms. These activities included chromatography, mini best classification and rocket launching!

Our Year 4, 5, 6 class visited London at the beginning of March. They travelled down to London on the early train. Once in London children enjoyed a tour of the House of Parliament followed by an exciting visit to the British Museum to see the Egyptian, Greek and Roman displays. It was a long day for everyone involved but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Children in Years 2 and 3 welcomed Mr Selby into school to talk about the Anglo Saxons. Children listened to his presentation before researching local places for their Saxon beginnings.

The whole school celebrated World Book Day by dressing up and completing different activities. EYFS and Y1 wrote their own stories based on the book Grandad's Island. They even used their typing skills to present their work on the computers!

Dallam kindly invited us to watch a performance of We Will Rock You! All the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and seeing past members of the school now they have moved on to Secondary School.

Also at Dallam the children took part in indoor athletics. Our Year 1 children worked really hard during the morning with different throwing and running activities. They were an absolute credit.

The older children in school have been working hard with Lucy Everett on their dance performance. This month they performed the dance at The Brewery in Kendal. The occasion is always amazing with costumes, hair and makeup adding to the excited. The children performed amazingly and their hard work over the last term was evident. Well done!

We have also celebrated World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st. This year the theme was 'End the stereotypes'. We reminded ourselves of what stereotypes are and how we can work together to prevent creating more as well as challenging those who place stereotypes on us or others. To conclude we worked as a whole school to decorate our own pair of unique socks.

As I write we are preparing for our Easter Service in church where children will retell the Easter Story and events of Holy Week. We also will be saying goodbye to Mrs Tattersall. Mrs Tattersall has been at Beetham CE Primary School since the beginning of her teaching career in 2015. She has worked with many children over her time here; always striving for them to do their best. We will all miss Mrs Tattersall but wish her luck in her new career

The Old Post Office Café, Beetham

Hello Everyone!

I am pleased to let you know that doors of the café at the Old Post Office will finally be opening on Thursday 28th March. We had a soft opening last week and are very excited to welcome you back. I hope you will like the refreshed space and that you will also enjoy browsing in the interiors shop downstairs.

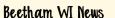
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Please also note that the cafe will be closed 18/19/20 April.

Hoping to see you soon!

Leslie



We had a very well attended AGM followed by a good social gathering on our meeting day in The Wheatsheaf. Our next meeting, on April 11th, will be at the Kings Food Bank in Kendal where Linda Sutherland will explain about the organisation and running of the Food Bank. Guests are most welcome to join us.



Further details about our WI can be obtained by emailing Jeanette at

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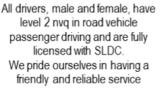
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The next monthly meeting will be held in **Beetham CE School** Monday 8th April at 7pm

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

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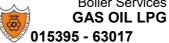
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