

Notices

Soup Lunch - Thank you to all those who came along (and helped) last Tuesday to our Winter Soup Lunch. We are especially grateful to the staff and pupils from Class 3 at Beetham School for their efforts in the provision of delicious soup and scones for us to share. It was a lovely lunchtime gathering. The donations, including Gift Aid, exceeded £200 and we are grateful for everyone's generosity.

Christmas Wreath Making - Thank you to those who were able to support, in any way, the wreath making gathering in church yesterday.

School Winter Fair - Will take place at Beetham School next Saturday (between 11.00am and 1.00pm) - please do come along if you are able and show your support for our School community. Thank you to all those who have donated generously to our Hamper Raffle (either through buying raffle tickets or providing items for the hampers); it is most appreciated and will hopefully raise a good amount for our church fabric appeal

Christmas Hampers - Any further donations can be brought to church this week before Friday morning, when we shall be making up the hampers. Please return any unsold tickets, counterfoils (and cash!) a.s.a.p. Thanks.

Gift Aid - Huge thanks to all who currently Gift Aid their church donations. During the eight months Jan-Aug 2025 we received nearly £22,000 in Gift Aided donations for the church, from which I have claimed nearly £5,500 from HMRC as an additional boost to church funds. This makes such a difference to our church finances. Any UK taxpayer is eligible to Gift Aid a donation, whether as a one-off or by regular giving, whether by church envelopes or direct to the church bank account. Please ask me if you would like to know more and I will be happy to answer any Gift Aid questions you may have. Thank you.

Andy MacLeod.

Update from KEMC Working Group - Following the Open Meeting on 15th October, a Working Group of volunteers is continuing to consider the vision, pattern of ministry and governance arrangements within the Mission Community, setting out a direction of travel for the future. These will be considered by church councils after a further Open Meeting on 28th January. The Group will welcome both your prayers for its work and any comments, questions or concerns. These can be emailed to the Working Group via: peter@heversham.com

Aluminium Recycling - We are very grateful for your help in supporting our building appeal to repair the church fabric. If you are able to do so, we invite you to help us by recycling your clean aluminium drinks cans, tin foil, pie cases, and blister packs. To check if an item is aluminium, simply test it with a magnet—aluminium will not respond. You can kindly drop off your contributions in the marked black bin at the back of the church. If you have a larger donation such as unwanted items like old ladders etc, please don't hesitate to reach out to Deborah at 07899702476.

Foundation Governor - If you might be interested (or know of someone else) in supporting the life of the church, and of our school through serving on the Governing Body as a Foundation Governor, please have a word with Andrew. There is one remaining vacancy that we would, ideally, like to fill as soon as we are able.

Church website:

www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

KEMC website:

www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com



THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS



Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

Sunday next before Advent

Today - We gather on the feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the church year, uniting around the Lord's Table to meet with Christ in word and sacrament. Next Sunday, Advent begins and we look forward, once again, to beginning our journey towards Christmas, meditating and reflecting on Christ's coming amongst us. Hannah is leading worship at St Peter's Heversham this morning. There is Evensong, as usual, at 6.00pm.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	23rd	Christ the King Sunday next before Advent	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong
Mon	24th		2.00 pm	Handbell Practice
Tue	25th	White Ribbon Day**		
Wed	26th		12.30 pm 2.45 pm	The Bible Course, Arnside Methodist, Collective Worship in school
Thu	27th		5.30 pm	Tower Bell Practice
Fri	28th		10.00 am	Hamper packing
Sat	29th		10.30 am 11.00 am	Community Band <i>tbc</i> School Winter Fair. Hamper Raffle Draw
Sun	30th	Advent 1	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Advent Carol Service

****White Ribbon Day** - The campaign to bring an end to men's violence against women.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Andrew Skinner, whose contact details are: beethamsafeguarding@gmail.com and 07362 593076.

Brightening Beetham - Advance notice that the launch of this year's 'Brightening Beetham' will take place at c.3.30pm on Friday 5th December following Celebration Worship (with Beetham CE School) here in church. Thank you very much to all those who are working hard to prepare for this in different ways. We hope as many as possible will be able to join us as we light up the churchyard in readiness for our celebrations of Christmas.



Christ the King Sunday next before Advent

Eucharist Readings: Jeremiah 23, v. 1 - 6 (Pg. 736 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Colossian 1, v. 11 - 20 (Pg. 197 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Luke 23, v. 33 – 43 (Pg. 85 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **736** (Name of all majesty); **645** (God is our strength and refuge); **754** (O worship the King); **794** (The King of love my shepherd is); **227** (Crown him with many crowns)

Organ Voluntary: Solemn Adagio, *Alec Rowley*

Evensong Readings: 1 Samuel 8, v. 4 - 20; John 18, v. 33 - 37

Psalm: 72

Hymns: **691** (Jesus shall reign); **816** (Thy kingdom come, O God); **698** (King of glory, king of peace)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers

Sheila MacInnes. John Smith. Ann and Harry Parrott. Luke Adams. Rosalie Woods. Shirley Grimshaw. Theresa Holden. Pat Barton. Phil Barber.

R.I.P.

Ray Hills. Neville Semark. Norma Morris. Frank Clarke.

<u>Rotas for Today</u>	
First Reading	George Theobald
Second Reading	Julie Clarke
Intercessions	Sue Smalley
Sidespeople/Offertory	Julie & Colin Clarke
Refreshments	Carol & John Brown
Readers at Evensong	Ann Robinson

Enthronement of Bishop of Carlisle - In this week of his enthronement as the sixty-eighth Bishop of Carlisle, we pray especially for +Rob as he begins his ministry – asking that he may know discernment, wisdom, guidance and grace for all that lies ahead. We give thanks to for all those who, in any way, contribute to the shared life of our Diocese – those who work in Church House and for all across the parishes and Mission Communities of Cumbria – that we may all know the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we seek to love and serve the Lord in the days ahead.

Advent Carol Service - This special service of readings, music and hymns at the beginning of a new church year will help us celebrate the beginning of Advent, next Sunday evening at 6.00pm.

Beetham Charity - The Charity, set up many many years ago, continues to offer funds for a small gift to the elderly, sick or recently bereaved as we prepare for Christmas. If anybody knows of individuals locally who might appreciate a gift and a visit, please do speak to Andrew.

KEMC Gathering - The next Mission Community Gathering (joint service) will take place on Sunday 7th December, 10.30am at Arnside Methodist Church. An opportunity, once again, for all the church communities of the Kent Estuary to come together in worship near the start of a new church year.

KEMC Prayer Group - It is intended to form another small group to pray together for the way forward as we all seek to discern a way forward that might best support our congregational life and enable the worship, witness and intentional mission of the churches in the Kent Estuary in the coming years. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Group, please do speak to Hannah.