

Notices

Carol Singing - We will be singing carols around Slackhead on Wednesday and Beetham on Thursday. Meet in the church car park at 6.00 pm on both evenings. Collections will be in aid of the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Do come and join us.

Beetham Nativity Trail - Following on from the success of the Easter Trail earlier in the year, there is - during the coming weeks - a Nativity Trail around the village. Please do spread the words about this to this who might appreciate knowing about it, especially families and those you know who might be visiting over the coming weeks.

Church Cleaning - Our thanks go to everyone who volunteered their time and energies last Friday morning to helping with our regular church cleaning morning, your help and support is very much appreciated.

Brightening Beetham - Thank you so very much to all those who in a myriad of different ways - through their generosity and hard work and effort - have made 'Brightening Beetham' possible once again. We pray that the lights around St Michael and All Angels this Advent will be a reminder to all of the 'true light that has come into the world', and that all who see them may know God's care and blessing in the days ahead.

Christingle Preparation - All are welcome to join us at 10.00am on Tuesday 23rd December in church as we prepare for this year's Christingle on Christmas Eve.

Winter Concert with carols - On Friday, Endmoor Choir will present a concert in aid of Diabetes UK. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Do come along if you are able to support them.

Update from KEMC Working Group - A printed update from the Working Group, seeking to reflect on the way forward for the Kent Estuary Mission Community is available at the back of church. We continue to pray for this important process as we think about the future and how we might continue to be a sustainable, lively and active Christian presence across the villages of the Kent Estuary.

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.

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

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THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



This morning - We gather around the Lord's table on the Third Sunday of Advent, praying that we might know the grace of God as we look to Christ's coming amongst us and prepare for our celebrations of Christmas. There is Evensong tonight, as usual, at 6.00 pm.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS				
Sun	14th	Advent 3 Gaudete Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist 'Carols around the Crib', on the promenade in Arnside Evensong
Mon	15th		2.30 pm	Handbells/Choir at Croftside
Tue	16th		5.00 pm 6.15 pm	Choir Practice 'Rest and Restore' (service of healing) St James', Arnside
Wed	17th		2.30 pm 6.00 pm	Beetham CE School Nativity in church Parish Carol Singing - Slackhead (meet Church Car Park)
Thu	18th		4.00 pm 6.00 pm	'Blue Christmas' Service - Storth Village Church Parish Carol Singing - Beetham (meet Church Car Park)
Fri	19th	End of Term - Beetham CE School	9.00 am 7.30 pm	Beetham CE School Christmas Carol Service A Winter Concert (with carols) in church - Endmoor Choir
Sat	20th			
Sun	21st	Advent 4 Winter Solstice	9.30 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Choir Practice Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

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



Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Eucharist Readings: Isaiah 35, v. 1 - 10 (Pg. 673 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); James 5, v. 7 - 10 (Pg. 228 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Matthew 11, v. 2 - 11 (Pg. 10 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **55** (When the King shall come again); **46** (On Jordan's bank); **38** (Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding); **52** (The people that in darkness sat); **394** (Tell out, my soul)

Organ Voluntary: *tbc*

Advent Antiphons: 3 and 4

Evensong Readings: Isaiah 5, v. 8 - 30; Acts 13, v. 13 - 41

Hymns: **702** (Lead us, heavenly Father); **57** (Ye servants of the Lord); **30** (Come, thou long-expected Jesus)

Psalm: 12

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Collect grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen

For your Prayers

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

R.I.P.

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

<u>Rotas for Today</u>	
First Reading	Rupert Villiers-Smith
Second Reading	Susie Villiers-Smith
Intercessions	George Theobald
Sidespeople/Offertory	Susie & Rupert Villiers-Smith
Refreshments	Valerie Cookson and Hilary Harman
Readers at Evensong	Andrew Schofield

Christmas Services - There are flyers available at the back of church detailing all the services here at St Michael and All Angels as Christmas approaches, please do share this with friends and neighbours and invite them to join us as we come once again to worship the holy child of Bethlehem and wonder, once again, at all that God has done.

KEMC Christmas Diary - A diary of events and services around the Kent Estuary has been prepared and is available for you to take away at the back of church. In addition to what is going on in and around Beetham, please do have a look at other services and events planned across the Mission Community.

Blue Christmas Service - On Thursday afternoon (at 4.00pm) at Storth Village Church, the Mission Community are holding a 'Blue Christmas' service for anyone who might appreciate time to be still, reflect and pray amidst the busyness of the season. This is particularly appropriate for those who, for whatever reason, find this time of year difficult or burdensome, praying that we'll know the promise of God's love and peace afresh.

Carols around the Crib - This afternoon at 2.00pm there is an opportunity to join Arnside Christians Together on the Promenade at Arnside for 'Carols around the Crib': all are welcome.

Beetham School - We pray for our Nursery and Reception children at School as they perform their Nativity in church on Wednesday afternoon and as the whole school marks the end of the autumn term with Christmas carols on Friday morning.

KEMC Gathering - Thank you to all those who were able to join us last Sunday for our KEMC Gathering. Over 120 from around the Kent Estuary gathered for worship and prayer, with many remarking it was an uplifting and encouraging time together. We pray that God will continue to guide and encourage our work and witness across the Mission Community as we look to the future. The first Gathering of 2026 will take place on Sunday 8th March at St Thomas', Milnthorpe.