

Parish Coffee Morning

Tuesday 3rd June in Church 10.30am-12pm

From June we will be starting a monthly Parish Coffee Morning on the first Tuesday of the month in church

The first date will be Tuesday 3rd June from 10.30am, followed by 1st July and 5th August. Please do join us for refreshments and a chance to chat - all are very welcome, and feel free to bring a friend. There is no charge but any donations will be gratefully received for our Heating Appeal





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June is bustin' out all over

The opening line of the song from Rogers and Hammerstein's musical, Carousel, joyfully celebrates the arrival of summer. June is a major turning point in the year when the fields, woods and hedgerows that have blossomed throughout the spring season are suddenly in full bloom as nature bursts into a glorious fulfilment of growth and energy with the promise of continuing good weather. People are falling in love, and the song celebrates the promise of new life with all its wonders and delights.

The month takes its name ultimately from the Latin name for the sixth month of the year, lunius, named after the Roman goddess Juno (in Latin, 'luno') - it wasn't until the 17th Century that the modern spelling became widespread. Juno had a complicated 'life' in the classical world, but is generally regarded as the queen of the Roman gods and the wife of Jupiter. She was the champion and protector of women, especially in their role as wives and mothers, so her association with a month of growth and fertility is especially appropriate.

Ironically, June is also the month that sees the tilt of the earth in its orbit start the gradual process that leads inexorably to shorter days and longer nights as the sun appears to migrate southwards after the summer solstice on 21st. We are then on the road back to autumn and, beyond that, winter!

However, there is hopefully plenty to enjoy before that. By the time you read this, our Flower Festival in church will be over for another year. Our theme this year was 'Caring for the Environment', reflecting our commitment to be an 'Eco Church'. World Environment Day on the 5th of the month is a reminder that we all need to be aware of our impact on the world we inhabit

and the damage we can inadvertently cause by our thoughtless actions. It is widely reported that wildlife everywhere is under threat from both the effects of climate change and the pollution we cause by our abuse of our surroundings. Insects, including the pollinators without which nothing will be 'bustin' out', are in decline thanks to the overuse of insecticides and pesticides. Birds and small mammals find their natural habitats in short supply because of the destruction of hedges and woodland as demand for food production leads to more intensive exploitation of the land. Climate change, evidenced by increasingly high average and maximum temperatures and changing weather patterns, is having catastrophic effects around the world.



We can all play our part in looking after the environment – it is the only one we've got – by being careful in our use of finite resources and by disposing of unwanted items responsibly. 'Reduce, re-use, recycle' is a currently much used slogan to promote responsible, eco-friendly behaviour. It was the motto of a popular children's TV character; do you remember which one? (Answer at the bottom of page 3).

June also means Derby Day, Trooping the Colour, the start of Wimbledon, Glastonbury, Test matches. Lots to look forward to and enjoy. Let's hope that the extended spell of warm, sunny weather we have enjoyed in recent weeks, together with adequate rainfall, will be repeated as the season changes. Why?

Just because it's June, June, June!

Brian Smalley

Letter from the Curate

June is the time for being in the world in new ways, for throwing off the cold and dark spots of life.

(from A Monastery Almanac by Joan Chittister)

Thinking on this lovely line, it seems that the 'cold and dark' has actually been thrown off already as I sit writing this in the 20+ degree heat of the middle of May. (I wonder if it will still be the same mid-June?!) However, it being the time for 'new ways' is especially poignant when we look to the June event of the national 'Great Big Green Week' (7-15th). The GBGW exists to celebrate community action to tackle climate change and



protect nature across the UK. It aims to help bring to light what we can each do to help preserve the beautiful world that we've been given to live in and to steward.

The slogan for this year's GBGW is 'Let's swap together for good'. There's a focus on swapping events – whether that be plants, clothes, books or any other items that we might otherwise seek to go out and buy new. Swaps are a great way to reuse and recycle (and to keep the load off the purse strings). It's a way of having something 'new' without contributing to industrial fossil fuel burning.

On the GBGW website (https://www.greatbiggreenweek.com/) it says: We can all make small swaps, large swaps and swaps that change the system, to make our communities better.

It's not just the swapping of items - a summer dress or a nice hydrangea - that makes an impact ... we can also swap in and out our habits. Maybe we could replace some of the items on our weekly shopping lists with ones that are more ethically or locally made? Maybe we could change to a 30 degree temperature on our washing cycle? Maybe we could look to swap our energy provider to one that uses renewable energy?

We can all make swaps that not only make our community better, but also make better the impact we're having on our environment – on our wonderful earth.

As part of a fourfold vision that many churches in Cumbria follow, we're called to 'Tread gently' on the earth. A reminder that we have been truly blessed by God, the Creator, with a beautiful place in which to spend our days (and in this county especially, I think, we are incredibly blessed with the creation we see all around us), and we are encouraged to look after it, to tread carefully with our carbon footprint, to be more 'green' about the way we approach our daily lives. So, I'm wondering this month what swaps I can make – what 'new ways' I can introduce to my life - to tread more gently... and I wonder if you might consider doing the same.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. (*Psalm 24:1-2*)

With love & prayer Hannah



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St Michael & All Angels Beetham Church Services for June 2025

Date	Time	Service
Weds 4th	10am	BCP* Holy Communion
Sun 8th	10.30am	KEMC Joint Eucharist at St John's Levens
	6pm	BCP Evensong
Sun 15th	11am	Parish Eucharist with Confirmation
	6pm	BCP Evensong
Sun 22nd	11am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	BCP Evensong
Sun 29th	11am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	BCP Evensong

*Book of Common Prayer



Kent Estuary Mission Community Gathering

10.30am, Sunday 8th June in St John's Church, Levens

Please note there will be no service at Beetham that morning, but Evensong will be held at 6pm as normal

Roger Goodlad

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Roger Goodlad last month. Roger's infectious sense of humour brightened all our lives, and he will be remembered for his devotion, loyalty and care for others even in his own times of pain

Roger's funeral took place on Friday 23rd May and our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time



Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Monday 29th September - Thursday 2nd October 2025

An opportunity to enjoy a residential visit in the company of others from the Diocese, to 'England's Nazareth'.

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If you would like to know more, please see the information leaflet available at the back of church.

Baptisms

Sunday 4th May Elliot Alexander Maudsley Oakley Albie George Dudek Lusted

We welcome them into the Beetham Church family

Annual Church Meetings

Thank you to all who attended the Meetings on Tuesday 13th May, and the Annual Reports can be found on our website. We are grateful for those who have agreed to serve for the forthcoming year. Vivien Stirrup and John Lomax were elected as Churchwardens, and we welcome Deborah Lancaster, Andy MacLeod, and John and Patricia Lancaster to join as PCC members

At the first meeting of the PCC, Charles Ellis was elected as PCC Secretary and John Lomax as PCC Treasurer, although a new Treasurer is still urgently sought to shadow and hopefully take on this vital role. Thanks were given to those whose term of office as Churchwardens or PCC members has come to an end, for all their hard work and effort. A vacancy still remains for a third churchwarden if anyone is interested in this role



Answer to the Front Page question:'Reduce, re-use, recycle'
was the motto of Bob the Builder.





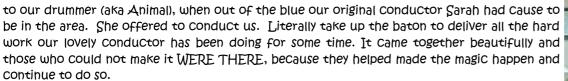
"IN A WORLD FILLED WITH CHAOS, MUSIC IS THE CALM IN THE STORM."

Happy June dearest reader! May has been eventful for our little (but 🕻 determined) band. But not in the way you may think. Some of our 🧣 members have had to have some MOT work, some tests, others have

peen ill or are recuperating. Some have been playing music elsewhere with long standing bands born long before our little 🧣 troupe. One might think, blimey Tess how do you keep the music playing?

"MUSIC HAS THE POWER TO HEAL, TO MAKE US FEEL WHOLE AGAIN"

Well do you remember my constant reference to camaraderie? It is that special magic within our number that when the chips are down, we pull together. We were up against it for the Flower Festival. I will admit we were at one point talking solos (still am Brian...) to fill the time. Then whilst practicing on Saturday 🌃 I received a text to say that two of our members could arrive for the Monday 🌆 📑 afternoon. The music was dropped off by recuperating players and we were good to go. Just one final and vital missing link - someone to lead us. Well we looked



So proud of everyone and so grateful. So ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!! Come and join us All you need is the desire to join. Lots to look forward to. Get well soon guys, we miss you!

"MUSIC CAN BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN DIFFERENT CULTURES (and ages) AND CREATE UNITY AMONG PEOPLE" A song for Summer, with a small addition from me!

For more information about joining or bookings contact Tess on 07725580095





St Michael & All Angels Heating Appeal Many thanks go to all who are continuing to support our appeal to replace our ailing boilers. With the sellout 'Baskets £30,000 for Boilers' kindly created and nurtured by John Lomax raising over £410, the Duck Race raising an incredible £1,215, the £25,000 Flower Festival making £865, plus a number of generous donations, the total has now reached over £13,000. £20,000 Our fundraising events continue

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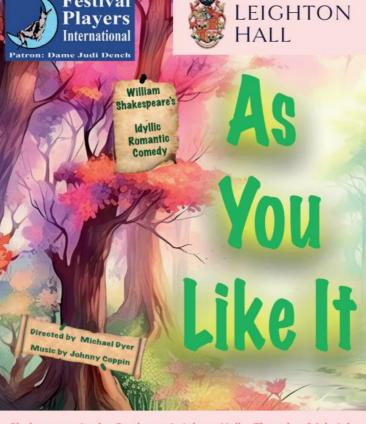
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with the restarting of the monthly Coffee Mornings on 3rd June with grateful thanks to Dorothy & Andy MacLeod, a possible Strawberry Tea on 12th July (see next month's Gateway for details), and the church stall at Beetham Sports on Saturday 26th July.

If you would like to donate to the appeal please

scan the QR code, or visit our website for other ways of giving.





Shakespeare in the Garden at Leighton Hall - Thursday 24th July Leighton Hall, Carnforth, LA5 9ST

Tickets available at www.leightonhall.co.uk - Adult £19, Child £11

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PARISH EUCHARIST with CONFIRMATION on TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 15th June at 11.00am

We welcome the Bishop of Penrith to lead us in our celebrations of Trinity Sunday and celebrate the sacrament of confirmation. The service will be followed by Jacob's Join (bring and share) lunch.

VE Day

Thank you to those who helped to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, marking the end of the Second World War in Europe, on Thursday 8th May.

Dianne Lomax created a floral tribute adjacent to the Memorial Cross in the church, and the Beetham Bellringers joined the nationwide ringing of bells.





Beetham's Big Duck Day, 3rd May

A showery weather forecast luckily did not come to fruition for this year's Duck Day. As always, the races took place on the River Bela at Ellers Meadow, with grateful thanks to Mr & Mrs Gardner. Luckily there was sufficient water in the river for the ducks, with an occasional bit of gentle encouragement around the reeds

Thanks go to all the people who set up the field for the day, sold tickets, manned the road crossing, expertly caught ducks in the (cold) river, acted as duck and results runners,

and cleared everything away at the end of the day. Special thanks go to Revd Andrew for being the Master of Ceremonies once again, and also to the Friends of Beetham School for all their entertaining stalls and refreshments on the field. Particular thanks go to all who provided prizes for the race winners, including Daniel Gray Hair Salon, The Heron Theatre, the Old Post Office Café, Beetham Nurseries, and Whiteside Woven

Congratulations go to the winners of the village 'duckorations' competition, with the usual array of imaginative displays and won this year by the impressive 'Duck Mobile'!







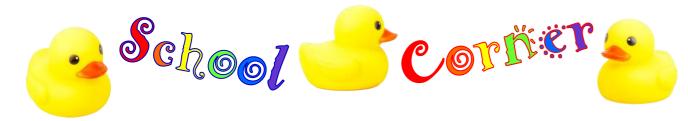








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We have had a busy return to school following the Easter holidays.

We welcomed Mrs Horsman back to our school to deliver water workshops to each class. Within the workshop children learnt about how to conserve water as well as how to ensure the water we use is clean.

Working together with church we held our annual Duck Day. The church held the exciting duck races whilst the school ran stalls to entertain all the family. The day was a great success raising over £1000 for the school. Thank you to everyone who came to support the day and to all of those involved in its organisation.

Class 3 visited the British Thoroughbred Retraining Centre in Halton at the start of the month. The children learnt all about how the race horses are rehabilitated and then rehomed following their race career. The children were able to try on riding equipment and groom the horses as well as muck out the empty stables! This was a fully funded visit provided by the BTRC which was an excellent learning experience for all the children.

Class 2 represented our school at the Dallam Rounders Festival. The children played extremely well and really employed their tactics to be able to secure a couple of wins during the afternoon. Well done to the class for their sportsmanship.

On Thursday 8th May we held an afternoon tea for the children and family to celebrate VE Day. We all reflected on the need for peace around the world and how we can learn from the past. Thank you to everyone who came to help us celebrate.

Year 6 completed their SATs this month. The children completed six tests over the course of the week. They completed them in a mature and thoughtful manner doing their very best. They were then treated to a Ms Christine special breakfast to celebrate their completion!

Class 2 have been learning about Donald Campbell and Coniston this half term. To further enhance their learning, they headed off on one of the school minibuses to visit the Ruskin Museum and learn more about Donald Campbell and his vehicles. They also made a stop off at Grizedale to enhance their learning about sculpture and for a well-deserved ice cream!

Class 2 also headed out again to Silverhelm to learn more about the moths in our area. The children investigated the traps that had been set; identifying the different moths within them. They then drew detailed sketched of the moths and thought about the different ways they could improve the environment for them.

The whole school took part in an outdoor day where children made dens, potions and clay models. As well as this, children were treated to sports from around the world by our visiting coach Mr Holden. He told the children how he had seen sport change the lives of displaced and refugee families in Sudan through opportunity and travel. He then taught the children different sports from around the world including American football, handball and Kabaddi.

As you can see we have had a busy half term. The next half term promises to be just as action packed with learning and fun!



Visiting a variety of venues!



Towards the end of April – and in glorious sunshine – a group from Beetham WI enjoyed an informative and interesting guided tour, organised by 'Lakeland Arts', of two impressive "Arts & Crafts' country houses overlooking Windermere. Broad Leys, designed by C.F.A Voysey, is now the home of the Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club and Blackwell was designed by Mackay Hugh Baillie Scott. A delicious cream tea at Blackwell was appreciated by everyone!

Outside Broad Leys

We took part in something quite different for our regular monthly session which, in May, we held at The Atheneum in Leasgill so we could take part in some Circle Dancing. Helen Brooks gave explanations as she guided us through several traditional dances to music.

For our trip later in the month some of us visited Rheged, near Penrith, mainly to view the 'Great Print 10' exhibition from UK artists showcasing screenprint, etching, lino block and collagraph. Entry is free and runs until the 29th June. We also enjoyed some socialising over refreshments in the café!

We have a Talk planned for our 12th June session in The Wheatsheaf (2-4 pm) entitled 'A Brief History of Lancaster Moor Hospital' and for our 10th July meeting we will be running a practical session of Pebble Painting.

If you are interested in attending one of our monthly meetings, contact our Secretary, Jeanette, for further details at beethamwi@gmail.com

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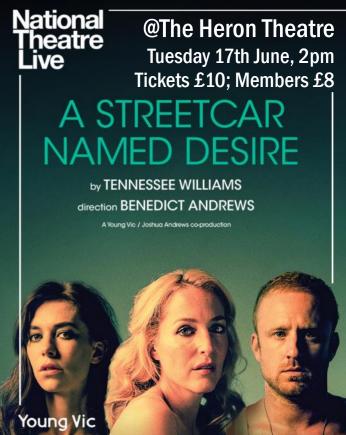
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