

Notices

Shrove Tuesday Supper and Quiz Night - The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday 17th February at the Heron Corn Mill Barn, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Traditional Cottage Pie followed by Pancakes with vegetarian and gluten free options, wine and/or soft drinks included. Brain Exercising Quiz, Grand Raffle and warm friendship. Tickets £15 now available from Dianne. See you there!

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Carol Services - Thank you very much to all those who have supported, in any way, our trinity of Carol Services over the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. They have been meaningful occasions where we've been able to remember the story which draws us to celebrate the light, life and hope that God gives us in Christ. It is encouraging to record that these have all been well attended services, drawing people together - from near and far - in prayer and worship.

Village Soup Lunch - Many thanks to all those who supported the soup lunch last Tuesday. Donations for our building repair fund were gratefully received and amounted to just over £140. The next soup lunch will be on Tuesday 24th February 12 - 1.30pm.

KEMC Open Meeting - Over recent weeks the Working Group (made up of volunteers from across the churches of the Kent Estuary) have been reflecting on the future of the Mission Community and how, together, we might continue to be a sustainable, lively and active Christian presence across the villages of the Kent Estuary. This week there will be a second KEMC Open Meeting (set within the context of prayer and worship) on Wednesday 28th January at 7.00pm in Arnside Methodist Church, where we'll all have opportunity to hear back from the Working Group after their discussions and deliberations over recent weeks. If you are able, please do join us.

Foundation Governors - With the beginning of a new calendar year, 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 are currently two vacancies that we would, ideally, like to fill as soon as we are able.

Aluminium Recycling - We appreciate your continued support for our building appeal to repair the church. You can help by recycling clean aluminium drink cans, all tin foil, and blister packs. To check if an item is made of aluminium, test it with a magnet—if it doesn't stick, it's aluminium. Please place your items in the wheelie bin behind the church or leave them in a back pew. For larger donations, contact Deborah 07899702476. Thank you.

Church website: www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

KEMC website:

www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com

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THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 25th January 2026
Third Sunday of Epiphany



This morning - We gather on the Third Sunday of Epiphany around the Lord's table to meet with Christ in word and sacrament. Andrew is leading worship at Storth Village Church this morning, as they celebrate their annual Covenant Service. Next Sunday, our keeping of the 'long' Christmas season comes to an end as we reach (very nearly) the fortieth day of Christmas (on 2nd February) with Candlemas (the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple), remembering how the infant Jesus was celebrated and hailed as light of the world and the promised Saviour by aged Simeon and Anna.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	25th	Epiphany 3 The Conversion of Paul Burns Night	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong
Mon	26th		11.00 am	Handbell Practice
Tue	27th	Holocaust Memorial Day		
Wed	28th		2.45 pm 7.00 pm	Collective Worship - Beetham CE School KEMC Open Meeting - Arnside Methodist Church
Thu	29th		5.30 pm	Tower Bell practice
Fri	30th	Charles, King and Martyr, 1649		
Sat	31st		10.30 am	Community Band <i>tbc</i>
Sun	1st	Presentation of Christ in the Temple Epiphany 4	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist for Candlemas Choral Candlemas Evensong

The Children's Society - Thank you to all those who donated to this year's appeal for the important work of The Children's Society, which we support chiefly through our Christingle on Christmas Eve. It is heartening to report that £281 was raised, which will help make a real difference to those whom the charity seeks to support across the country.

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



Third Sunday of Epiphany

Eucharist Readings: Isaiah 9, v. 1 - 4 (Pg. 647 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); 1 Corinthians 1, v. 10 - 18 (Pg. 162 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Matthew 4, v. 12 – 23 (Pg. 3 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **487** (Christ is the one who calls); **787** (Take my life and let it be); **634** (Firmly I believe and truly); **681** (In heavenly love abiding); **507** (We have a gospel to proclaim)

Organ Voluntary: *tbc*

Evensong Readings: Ecclesiastes 3, v. 1 - 11; 1 Peter 1, v. 3 - 12

Hymns: **717** (Lord, make us servants of your peace); **583** (Rejoice, O Lord, in God thy might); **631** (Fight the good fight)

Psalm 33

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

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

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

For your Prayers

John Smith. Ann and Harry Parrott. Rosalie Woods. Shirley Grimshaw. Theresa Holden. Pat Barton.

R.I.P.

Philip Barber. Luke Adams. Ray Hills.

Philip Barber

We record with sadness the passing of The Reverend Philip Barber, who served as parish priest here at St Michael and All Angels in the mid-1990s, trusting that he will now rest in the care and keeping of the Lord he served faithfully through his ministry. Philip's Funeral will take place at the Church of the Ascension, Torrisholme, (where he worshipped in recent years) at 10.30am on Tuesday 3rd February followed by committal at Beetham Hall at 12.30pm. Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

<u>Rotas for Today</u>	
First Reading	Charles Ellis
Second Reading	Julie Clarke
Intercessions	Sue Smalley
Sidespeople/Offertory	Julie & Colin Clarke
Refreshments	Jenny Andrews and Jane Theobald
Readers at Evensong	Ann Robinson

Christmas Season 'Alleluia' -During the Christmas and Epiphany seasons we sing the 'Alleluias' either side of the Gospel Reading. A good way to acknowledge the joy and gladness with which we celebrate the Saviour's birth until the Feast of Candlemas at the beginning of February.

A Prayer for the Discernment of the new Bishop of Penrith - God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to all those involved in the discernment of a new Bishop of Penrith for our Diocese the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Palm Crosses - As we look to the beginning of Lent, if you have any palm crosses at home from last year these can be returned to church over the coming weeks so that they can be used to prepare the ash for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.