

Lent Drop-in Soup Lunch



**Wednesday 20th March
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Beetham Church Choral Evensong Candlemas Sunday 3rd February at 6.00pm



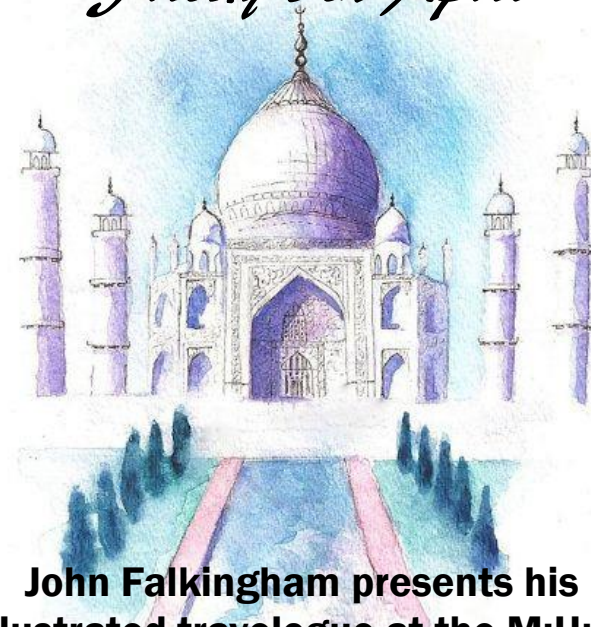
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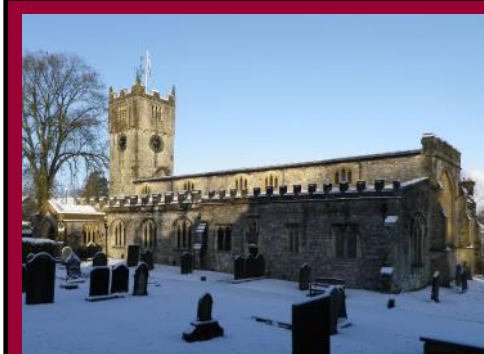
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THE GATEWAY

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ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM

FEBRUARY 2019

*When love beckons to you, follow him,
Though his ways are hard and steep.
And when his wings enfold you yield to him*

Kahlil Gibran, from The Prophet

February, to me, is always a strange month. It sits on the cusp of worsening winter weather and tempting signs of spring. So thank goodness for St Valentine of Rome ~ born 226 AD, and died in Rome on 14th of February 269 AD.

He lived in a very permissive society, where marriage was frowned upon as it was thought to weaken a soldier's resolve in battle. Polygamy was quite the thing back then. Valentine, however, encouraged marriage within the Christian Church. All this of course done in secret, until he was eventually captured, imprisoned and tortured.

During his incarceration he corresponded with a Roman judge, Asterius, who had a blind daughter. St Valentine cured Asterius' daughter and wrote to her often. After he was sentenced to death, if it were to be believed, his last words to her were signed "from your Valentine"....

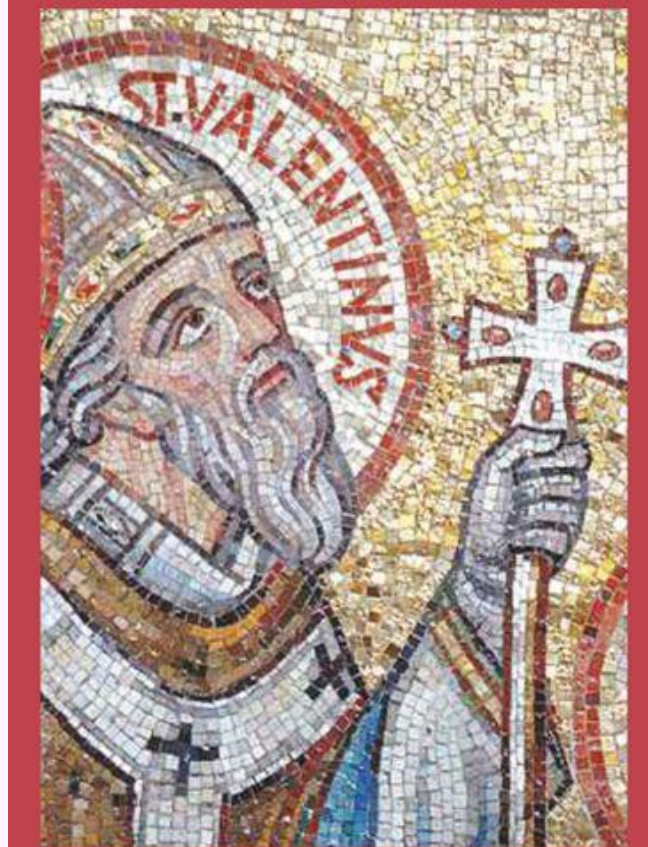
So centuries later, February the 14th has become a hugely commercial day. Many still hoping for red envelopes and roses and pledges of undying love, all on one day! It is a lot of pressure but should we all buy into it? Perhaps we could be gentler on ourselves this Valentine's day. Remind ourselves that we are loved and cherished. Love quite often being found in the most unexpected people and places.

Love really is all around. Love for each other, love in the small things, and the glorious environment in which we live. Above all, though, is to have love and compassion for oneself. Even when quiet, we are never truly alone. Silence sings its own song.

Therefore this St Valentine's day let's celebrate love, forever love and its lifelong journey. Costing nothing but thoughtfulness and time.

So let us open our hearts, look forward to spring and be the best, most loving, we can be.

Tess Rowlands, PCC member



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Church Services at Beetham in February

Date	Time	Service
Fri 1st Feb	9am	School assembly
Sun 3rd Feb	10am	Parish Eucharist
<i>Candlemas</i>	6pm	Full Choral Evensong
Wed 6th Feb	10am	Public Worship with Communion by Extension
Fri 8th Feb	9am	School assembly
Sun 10th Feb	10am	Parish Eucharist
<i>4th before Lent</i>	6pm	Evensong
Fri 15th Feb	9am	School assembly
Sun 17th Feb	10am	Parish Eucharist
<i>3rd before Lent</i>	6pm	Evensong
Sun 24th Feb	10am	Parish Eucharist
<i>2nd before Lent</i>	6pm	Evensong

Please check Church noticeboards or beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk for any changes

A very big thank you to the GOOD SAMARITAN who met my request to drive me to the Crematorium in time for a committal after my car broke down in Beetham on Christmas Eve.

Yours sincerely



The Licensing of the Reverend Bryan Kerr
as Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of

St. John's, Levens,
St. Peter's, Heversham
and St. Thomas', Milnthorpe

will take place
in St. Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe
at 5.00 pm on Sunday 3rd February

The Revd Bryan Kerr will also lead the Kent Estuary Group Mission Community, and we look forward to welcoming him here to Beetham in the near future

Beetham Parish Priest-in-charge Vacancy Update


As this edition of The Gateway goes to press, preparations are in hand to interview two candidates for the priest-in-charge vacancy on Friday 8th February

The role will be shared with Arnside Parish, following the move of the Revd David Cooper to Walkden this month, and will include both St James and Storth Village Church. Beetham and Arnside will continue to remain as individual Benefices with separate PCC administration and worship

We wish the candidates all the best in their interviews and we look forward to a successful outcome

Bishop of Penrith

The Consecration of the Revd Dr Emma Ineson as Bishop of Penrith will take place at York Minster on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 11.00 am. Tickets are not required for the congregation, but numbers will need to be submitted to York Minster. If anyone would like to attend to represent our parish please speak to one of the churchwardens before Friday, 8th February



Emma is currently Principal of Trinity College Bristol, and she will be based in Kendal with particular responsibility for the Cumbria God for All strategy

Churchwarden and PCC vacancies

Would you like to have a say in the running of our church? If so, you may be interested in becoming a churchwarden or member of our Parochial Church Council

Three churchwardens are elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting by members of the parish in April each year, and are the Bishops local representatives. They are the senior lay people in the parish, active members of the congregation, and ex officio members of the PCC. Their responsibilities are laid down in Church Law in a role that dates back to the 13th century, providing a rewarding opportunity to recognise the importance of lay participation in the life of the church. Churchwardens stand for election every year

PCC members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by members of the church electoral roll. The PCC is collectively responsible for the care of the church and the finances, and members represent both the church and the parish at our 6 PCC meetings each year. PCC members are elected for a term of 3 years

If you would like more information on either of these roles please speak to the churchwardens

Beetham & Beyond

February Programme	the HERON theatre music film
Sunday 3rd February The Camira Wind Trio Flute, clarinet & bassoon trio of recent postgraduates of the RNCM.	Matinée 2.30pm Flute, Clarinet & Bassoon
Friday 8th February "At Home with Shakespeare" & "Bacon" Pip previously performed at The Heron as Winston Churchill. He returns to bring Shakespeare to life, then in an amazing change portrays Francis Bacon, the controversial 20th century artist	7.30pm Pip Utton
Saturday 15th & Saturday 16th February Spats Langham, The Hot Fingers Trio & Emily Campbell Back by popular demand Thomas 'Spats' Langham performs on acoustic guitar, banjo, ukulele and vocals as the front man for the Hot Fingers Trio, and joined again by singer Emily Campbell	7.30pm
Tuesday 19th February Young Picasso For details see opposite page	2.00pm Exhibition on Screen
Friday 22nd February "The Empty Stage" Rising star Carina Harris is murdered during a play rehearsal. With the plot taking place on the theatre stage it is up to the show director to identify which of his cast members is dramatic enough to be a killer!	7.30pm Purple Dreams Productions
Friday 1st March Leave No Trace A Vietnam war veteran and his daughter have lived in the American wilderness for years before being found and forced to re-enter the modern world. As they try to return home the daughter questions why.	FILM AT THE HERON [PG] 1 hr 49 mins 7.30pm
Select your seats and book online at www.theherontheatre.com Box Office open Fridays from 10am until 12noon, 015395 64283	
the HERON theatre , Stanley St, Beetham, LA7 7AS	



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Wednesday 6th February in the Church

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What's On Guide



the HERON theatre Exhibition on Screen
'Young Picasso'
2.00pm, Tuesday 19th February

Pablo Picasso is one of the greatest artists of all time, and right up until his death in 1973 he was the most prolific of artists. Many films have dealt with these later years – his art, affairs and wide circle of friends. But where did this all begin? What made Picasso in the first place?

Three cities play a key role: Malaga, Barcelona and Paris. "Young Picasso" visits each and explores their influence on Picasso, focusing on specific artworks from these early years up to 1907 and the creation of a critical painting in the history of art – *Les Femmes d'Alger*. It was a painting that shocked the art world but changed it irrevocably

Tickets £7.50 from www.theherontheatre.com or Box Office on 015395 64283

Eversley Choir
Eversley choir invites you to come and sing
Poulenc Gloria
in St Oswald's Church, Warton
Saturday 23rd February from 10am to 5.15pm
Emily Robinson (Soprano), David Battersby (Piano), and Ian Jones (Conductor)
For more information see www.eversleychoir.org

Westmorland Orchestra
Saturday 23rd March
7.30pm in Kendal Parish Church

Mendelssohn *Symphony No 5: The Reformation*
Berlioz *Te Deum*

with Cumbria Festival Chorus
Christopher Steele Baritone
Ian Jones Conductor

Tickets £12 (18 and under Free)
This is the first event of the Mary Wakefield Festival




British Science Week: Medieval Papermaking
Sunday 10th March 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Join textile artist Stella Adams-Scofield to learn all about the process of flax production, and have a go at making some hand-made paper using linen tow - a waste product created when flax is processed to make fibre - using both medieval and contemporary techniques. Free entry

For more details of how to get involved with the Heron Corn Mill Flax to Linen project, please visit the website at www.heronmill.org

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Lancaster Singers CONCERT
Saturday 16th March 2019
8.00pm

St. John Passion
English Libretto Premiere
Christopher Steele

Music: J. S. Bach
Directed by Duncan Lloyd

Soprano: Pippa Goss Alto: Sarah Jillian Cox
Tenor: Christopher Steele (Evangelist) and Jacob Clark
Bass: Charles Murray (Pilate) and Jonathan Millican (Jesus)

The Amici Ensemble- Leader: David Wood
St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster
Tickets £15, Students in full time education free.

A Good Start to the New Year!



We had a good turn out for our first monthly session in January in the M:Hub where we were pleased to welcome new members. Jim Bownass and Andrew Leitch presented 3 interesting films from their extensive Cumbria Film Archive. Observant comparisons - and a few chuckles - were heard from the audience as we watched scenes of still familiar places around the county from 50 - 70 years ago.

For our next meeting there will be a talk by Susan Coyne entitled 'A Visit to Grandma's Attic' which sounds intriguing. A warm welcome awaits any guests or new members who would like to join our friendly group at the M:Hub in Milnthorpe on Tuesday 5th February.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Sue Waring, WI Vice-President



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A friendly group, we meet to hear talks, often with slides, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in
The Athenaeum, Leasgill at 10am
All are welcome!

14th February : Rob David
'Waiter, Miner, Butcher, Spy - Germans and Austrians in Cumbria during WW1'

28th February : Pat Ascroft
'Trek Croatia—Raising Money for Mencap'

Contact Patricia McPoland 015395 62765
McPoland@btinternet.com

FORUM



meet for talks

at
The Athenaeum Leasgill
at 10am
1st & 3rd Thursdays

7th February : Peter Holme
'Kendal Yards'

21st February : Heather Davies
'Mud, Manure & The Silk Road'

Everyone welcome

School Corner



Our Spring Term began with our celebration of Epiphany in the church. We brought the kings from our Posada to the crib, listened to the story of The Wise Men's visit to Jesus and thought about how they might have felt at this very special moment in their lives.

We are greatly enjoying using our school field for both PE and playtimes. Mr Harris, one of our PE coaches, is using the field for Tag Rugby and is teaching our younger children some very important ball skills.

We were thrilled with a donation from Billerud Korsnas of £686 which they raised at their Christmas raffle. This is to be used to provide matched funding for some goal posts and equipment for football which we can use at the field. Mark O'Shaughnessy, Amy Kitching and David Shaw came to present the cheque to the school and as you can see we were delighted to receive it.

Following the development of our school library we needed to resource one particular section - 'Countries around the World'. These books have now been bought and if anyone would like to sponsor a super new book at the cost of £8 we would be very grateful - please contact the school for further details.

Our Christian value this half term is LOVE and we are now looking forward to 14th February when we can find out more about the life of Saint Valentine and consider why Love is perhaps the most important value of all.

Children in KS2 are busy preparing for their performance at the Brewery Dance Platform and are working very hard with Lucy Everett from Dance Attik on a dance inspired by their work in science about Electricity.

Finally, a thank you to everyone who supported our events at the end of the Autumn Term. We were able to send £164 to Children in Need, £84 to the Children's Society and £139 to Save the Children. This is an important part of our education at school as we raise money to support children around the world who do not have the school education that is so easy for us to take for granted.

Best Wishes
Wendy Nicholas

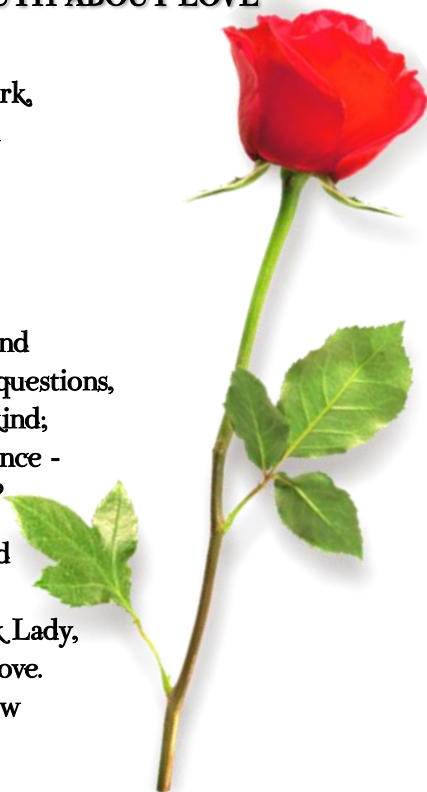


THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE

Auden clearly agonised finding himself in the dark, love was a puzzle to him friends thought it a lark, a stairway to heaven or a walk in the park.

Philosophers recognised the virtue that love is blind then posed some moral questions, can love be cruel to be kind; is there a danger in absence - out of sight out of mind?

Romantic poets eulogised while cooing like a dove. The Bard chose his Dark Lady, George Herbert, God above. If only just one poet knew all the truth about love!



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'Can you feel the love tonight...' ♥♥

Well the Beetham Community Band can. Just one of our new pieces for the year ahead. At least until Christmas - which starts around September musically.

We are still having a great deal of fun, which is the main point, but learning as we go along. Our new selection of music is brightening up the winter Saturdays, preparing us for summer.

Can we tempt you with our box of musical delights?

For more information, or indeed to book us for an event, contact Tess on 015395 63254

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday



Shrove Tuesday commemorates the eve of Lent, marking 40 days and nights of fasting and prayers before Easter. The word Shrove comes from the Old English word, Shrive - to confess ones sins. Lent is a time of giving things up and so that no food was wasted families would have a feast on shriving Tuesday, and eat everything that wouldn't last the 40 days of Lent without going off. The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name *Mardi Gras* ('fat Tuesday'), and pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house

Pancake races are said to have begun in 1445 and are recorded during the Wars of the Roses. Various origins are given, including a story about a woman who had lost track of time on Shrove Tuesday, and was busy cooking pancakes when she heard the church 'shriving bell' marking the beginning of the holiday and calling the faithful to church. The woman is reputed to have raced out of her house all the way to church - still holding her frying pan

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. In the Ash Wednesday service churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. The use of ashes, made by burning palm crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday, is a symbol of being penitent for things they have done wrong and a reminder that they all come from ashes, and to ashes they will return. The Ash Wednesday service is on 6th March

Beetham Church Shrove Tuesday Supper & Quiz Night

5th March

at 7pm
in the

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Duck Day
4th May 2019

Fish & Chip Lunch

With apologies to Burns...

Behold this honest sonsie plaice
Ye darling of the fishy race;
Yer tail ye never more will tweak -
yer eyes won't see us through the week;
That braw brown batter's golden glow
Will stir the breekies of all who know.
Wi pinch of salt and lemon drops -
Great product of the chippy shops.
Then furthermore yer fancy grips
The tempting smell o the big fat chips.
And so the Lord be thankit for this sumptuous feast
And do not worry if yer waist's increased

To brighten the long month of January, after the busy Christmas period, the church organised a Fish and Chip Lunch at The Wheatsheaf on Wednesday 30th January. This was a social event, and was attended by sixteen people who all enjoyed very generous portions of fish and chips with all the trimmings

Drinks and conversation flowed and it was agreed that it should be added to the regular events in the church diary. Many other events are already being planned for the year by the Friends of Beetham Church, so see this edition and future issues of The Gateway for more details



Annual Bellringers Dinner

The Bellringers New Year Dinner was once again held at The Strickland Arms on Thursday 24th January. The growing combined group of tower bell and handbell ringers had the upstairs room to themselves (we do not think that is a reflection on our general behaviour). After spending some time trying to remember what everyone had ordered we all enjoyed a lovely meal together

During the evening the ringers brains were put to the test with a picture quiz. The theme for this year's Annual Church Flower Festival in May will be 'Songs from the Musicals', so it seemed appropriate for the quiz to involve the identification of West End and Broadway musicals from their poster logos. Clear winners were Julie and Graham Edwards

After the meal the winners of this year's awards were announced, with the Golden Towerbell Award going to George Heaton, and the Golden Handbell Award going to Sue Smalley. There was also an extra surprise presentation to your Gateway editor - who also moonlights as the Bell Tower Captain - with a portrait of



her two Labradors, exquisitely painted by Katriona Field

Thanks go to The Strickland Arms for looking after us so well, to Dennis Wright and Jean Metcalfe for organising the evening, and to all the ringers for making it such a fun evening full of laughter



Flower Festival
25th-27th May



The Children's Society

Thank you to all those who donated so generously at the Christingle Service, to individuals who had collection boxes, and to Beetham CE School for their fundraising for The Children's Society



A magnificent total of £539.18 was sent to the charity for their work in supporting disadvantaged children

Thank you also to Booths Milnthorpe for once again donating all the oranges to make the Christingles. The lighting of the Christingles and candlelit carol singing is always a very special time on Christmas Eve, and thanks go to all who contributed in any way

Beetham CE School 200 Club Results



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will be held at
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on Thursday 14th March

Beetham Parish Council will present a review of the Parish Council's year.

There will be an opportunity for members of the public to participate and ask questions of speakers

The evening will conclude with refreshments and informal discussion between those present

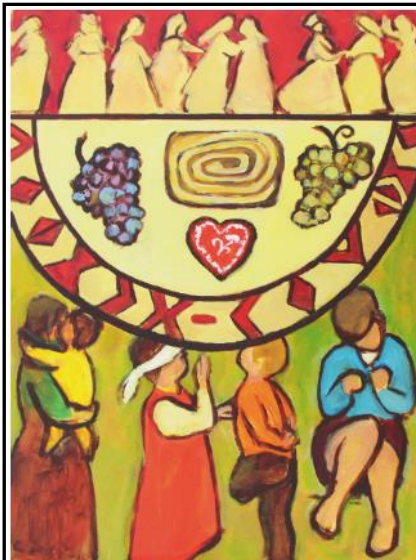
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For information contact John Scargill on 01524 782811 or visit www.beethampc.co.uk

Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on
Monday 4th February at 7pm
in Beetham CE School

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2nd Sunday: All-age Worship
4.30pm: 2nd Sunday Celtic Communion
Info: arnsidevillage.co.uk

BEETHAM ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

10.00am: Parish Communion
6.00pm: Sung Evensong (5th Sunday: said BCP Evening Service)
Info: beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

HEVERSHAM ST PETER

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion
2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
9.30am: Main Service:
1st and 4th Sundays: Parish Communion (CW)
2nd Sunday: Communion Praise (contemporary worship)
3rd Sunday: All Age Worship
10.30am: 5th Sunday: United service with Levens & Milnthorpe
6.30pm: 2nd Sunday: Open to God
Info: stpetersheversham.org

LEVENS ST JOHN

10.00am: Parish Communion:
2nd Sun: All-age worship; 5th Sun: United service at Heversham
Info: levens.org.uk

MILNTHORPE ST THOMAS

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
11.00am: Main Services 1st, 2nd and 3rd: CW Communion
4th Sunday: Morning Praise
5th Sunday: United service at Heversham
11.00am: every week Sunday Circle for children
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METHODIST SERVICES

ARNSIDE
10.30am see website for details
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