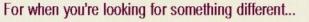


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LINDA'S LETTER

Standing at the cross roads, is that how you feel at the start of this New Year? I know 2016 has been for some of you a difficult year - while for others there has been cause for celebration. January 1st is the time of year when we endeavour to wipe clean a few slates, and start off on a better, perhaps more generous footing. We hope and pray for a better more stable world and yet we also know that soon old routines must be taken up again; we have the coldest and bleakest months of the year yet to come. Some of our problems haven't been thrown out with the turkey carcass, for none of us knows what is waiting for us just around the corner and for that we should be grateful. Perhaps this day like no other has the ability to touch something deep within us. The turn of the year, and new beginnings. Inevitably, there is a sense of looking back, and looking forward, and taking stock. There is a sense of a turning point, a doorway, a threshold.

In his poem The Road Not Taken Robert Frost picks up on this theme: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference.

There is a tremendous sense there of a choice having been made - maybe almost arbitrary, accidental, on the toss of a coin - but it has shaped who you are and what you are now doing. And it may have been such a casual, unimportant choice. Life is made up of many small, casual choices. We choose, things happen; we end up going down one route for good or ill. Sometimes you look back with regret and wish you had chosen differently, but at other times you look back with great thankfulness that, somehow, in the guidance and providence of God, you took a pathway which has been so full of blessing.

In the Book of Deuteronomy God informs the Israelites how they are to behave as they prepare to cross over into the Promised Land. "I am setting before you today life and death, blessings and curses: choose life!" Listen to the verbs: "If you Obey these commandments, Love the Lord your God, Walk in his ways, Observe his commandments, you shall live, and the Lord will bless you." Obey, love, walk, observe - this is about fidelity. It is a bit like the marriage vows "to love, honour and keep, in sickness and in health, forsaking all other..." To be true to God, and no longer to be alone. This is the pathway that brings life and health and blessing. But the other path is about infidelity "if your heart turns away, and you do not hear, and you are led astray to follow other gods..." this path will lead you to destruction.

When we think of the year that lies ahead of us and how we would like to be in that year, this is the choice that matters, the choice of fidelity. For Christians this sense of guidance, of walking with God, is important, because we intend that whichever way we take, God is with us. That's how we develop who we are and how we are. We are the people we are through the choices we make. And a fundamental part of being a Christian is about walking with God – whatever the path, left or right – and sometimes it doesn't matter. So that whichever way we are travelling, God is beside us, above, around, within us; God is present, and helping us to find in that particular pathway opportunities for life in all its fullness and to receive God's blessing.

New Year blessings, Revd Linda

JANUARY 2017

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Church Services at Beetham in January

Date	Time	Service		
Sun 1st Jan	10am	Parish Eucharist		
Circumcision of Jesus	4pm	No Evensong		
Wed 4th Jan	9.30am Holy Communion			
Fri 6th Jan	9.15am	Epiphany School Assembly		
Sun 8th Jan	10am	Parish Eucharist		
Epiphany	4pm	Evensong		
Wed, 11th Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion		
Fri 13th Jan	9am	School Assembly		
Sun 15th Jan 2nd of Epiphany	10am	Parish Eucharist		
	4pm	Evensong		
Wed 18th Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion		
Fri 20th Jan	9am	School Assembly		
Sat 21st Jan	1pm	Wedding		
Sun 22nd Jan 3rd of Epiphany	10am	Parish Eucharist		
	4pm	Evensong		
Wed 25th Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion		
Fri 27th Jan	9am	School Assembly		
Sun 29th Jan	10am	Parish Eucharist		
Candlemas	4pm	Poetry & Readings		
		noticeboards or s.co.uk for any changes		

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"Excited, encouraged, uncertain, challenged, hopeful!"

Already people have been responding in different ways to the idea of the Mission. It is an opportunity for every church throughout Cumbria to build on what they are already doing in helping others discover more of God and his purpose in their lives. The starting point for exploring what can be done is a series of Launch evenings taking place in early February. Anyone can attend and details of the different venues are available on the Moving Mountains page of the God for All website (www.godforall.org.uk/moving-mountains-launch-events/) or at the back of the church

Get Well Soon & Thank You

Over the Christmas period Revd Linda has been unwell and unable to lead the Christmas services. We all wish her a speedy recovery and a welcome return to church for both Linda and Geoffrey later this month

In the meantime we would like to offer our sincere thanks to Revd Canon David Peacock. As reported in last month's Gateway, David has recently moved into Beetham and had been granted permission by the Diocese to officiate at the occasional service here. However, we had not expected to call upon his services quite so soon and so comprehensively! We are delighted and very grateful that he so willingly led our Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Christingle, Midnight Mass, and Christmas Day worship, and is continuing to be the celebrant at our regular services until Linda returns to full health. Thank you and best wishes to both David and Judith for a peaceful New Year

Evensong services in January

Please note that there are two changes to Evensong services in January:-

> **Sunday 1st January** There will be no Evensong on New Year's Day

4pm Sunday 29th January A special service of poetry and readings will be held to celebrate Candlemas

All are welcome to attend

2018 sees churches, chapels and corps joining in the countywide Moving Mountains Mission when the Diocese will be supported by teams led by Senior Church Leaders from all four Partner Denominations

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Candlemas



Candlemas will be celebrated this year on 29th January, the nearest Sunday to Candlemas Day, 2nd February. It was the custom to take a baby boy to the Temple in Jerusalem to be presented to God forty days after his birth, and Candlemas celebrates the ritual purification of Mary and the presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple 40 days after Christmas Day

In pagan times the day was celebrated as the midpoint of winter - halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox - and it was known as the 'Feast of Light' marking the increase in sunlight as winter gave way to spring

The name 'Candle Mass' was given to this day as all the candles that were to be used in the church during the year were brought to be blessed. In early times it was thought that candles gave protection against sickness, famine and evil spirits. In the

church the candles serve as a reminder that before Jesus came the world was considered to be in darkness, and that he became a guiding light. Candles are lit during the Candlemas service to represent Jesus Christ as 'the Light of the World'

Folklore suggests that Candlemas Day signals the weather for the rest of the winter, with a fine day predicting that there is more winter to come:-

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, Winter will have another fight If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, Winter will not come again

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bcht feel good skopping Friends of Beetham Church After a successful 2016 raising funds for the church and We need you to ... local and national charities, the Friends invite you to join in the **fun** of fundraising again this year. Look out 1. Join Head to easyfundraising, search for for more details in The Gateway and on our website us to start raising February 28th ~ Shrove Tuesday Supper & Quiz 2. Shop There are nearly 3,000 retailers on March 15th ~ Lent Soup Lunch board, so pick the one you want and start shopping April ~ Arnside Ladies Choir 3. Raise After you've made your purchase. April ~ The Duck Race the retailer will make a donation to us at no extra cost whatsoever! May ~ Flower Festival June ~ Summer Special easyfundraising/causes/bcht today ~ it is money for free!

Had enough mince pies?

Try our home-made cakes instead, at **Beetham Village Coffee Morning**



There is no coffee morning in January but come along on Wednesday 1st February 10.15 to 11.30am in the church

There is no charge and all are welcome!

Expedia John Lewis amazoncouk We have already 'easyfundraised' nearly £250 for the Beetham Church Heritage Trust, so please help by joining

Church Volunteers Wanted

We still have vacancies for these exciting positions on our regular church rotas. No application form, CV or interview needed...

- ~ Cleaning (last Friday morning every 3 months)
- ~ Flower arranging (once or twice a year, plus festivals)
- ~ Gateway folding (1-2 hours, 2 or 3 times a year)
- ~ Gateway distribution (every month)
- ~ School assembly prayers (Fridays in term-times, c.6 times per vear)
- ~ Rose pergola (mainly summer months, individual arches allocated per volunteer)

If you are willing to join a rota please speak to Jenny Marks or sign up at the back of church. Thank you!





December at St Michael & All Angels

On 8th December the church played host to two performances of the School Nativity Play 'Stargazers'. As always Wendy, the teachers, the children (and their costume making parents), and Bill Haddow who constructed the stage, had worked really hard to bring us such a wonderful telling of the Christmas Story, and pictures can be found on the next pages. The following Sunday, celebrations continued with the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rita and Alan Higham, who invited the congregation to join them for a glass of bubbly and a golden cake, beautifully made by Anne Clarke.

The build-up to Christmas week began with the School Carol Service on their last day of term. Thanks go again to Antony Wood for providing a lovely Christmas tree, and to Harry Parrott, Brian Smalley, and Ian Stirrup and everyone that helped to decorate it. Thanks also go to Dianne Lomax and her team of flower arrangers for the lovely displays around the church and the advent wreath, and to Harry and his team for installing all the candles. The traditional Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols was held on the Sunday before Christmas and thanks go to organist John Falkingham for organising and directing a specially augmented choir in such a moving service. Thank you also to the readers representing different parts of our community, and to the mulled wine and mince pie makers and bellringers after the service. During the week 125 Christingles were made, with grateful thanks to Booths Milnthorpe for providing the oranges. The Christingle service on Christmas Eve was attended by 200 people, with the church beautifully lit by the children forming a circle with their Christingles, the final white advent candle being lit, and the figure of Baby Jesus being placed in the Nativity Crib and blessed

Traditional services of Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day Eucharist completed the Christmas celebrations, and a special thank you goes to Revd Canon David Peacock for officiating throughout this period



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Beetham & Beyond

What's On Guide



Welcome to the New Year!

Beetham WI finished 2016 with a relaxed gathering at Heron Corn Mill, which was accompanied by guizzes and lots of chatter. It was a very fun evening!

The annual presentation of the Whittle shield for "Member of the Year" went to Doreen Clarke and the WI cup for overall competition winner was Norma Peet congratulations to you both

Our first meeting of the new year is on Tuesday 3rd

January, 7pm at The Heron Theatre, when Jim Bispham will talk about The Appalachian Trail in North America. We have a very varied and busy 2017 planned; please see the village notice board for details and do join us at any meeting, as guests are always invited.

Wishing you all a peaceful 2017 ~ Sarah Easton, W I President



Beetham Church Handbell Ringers

The reputation of the Beetham Handbell Ringers has been spreading further afield this year, with eight performances in the ead up to Christmas. With a programme of carols and Christmas music the team played at Allan Bank at Grasmere and Grayrigg Village Hall, as well as Hartland House, Beetham WI, Beetham Nurseries, Beetham Church, Elmsfield House, and Lunesdale House. The audiences were encouraged to join in the singing, and thank you to members of the choir who came along to several of the venues to lend their voices to the carols

The handbell ringers would like to thank everyone for their hospitality - a team of 10 ringers can consume a lot of mulled wine, mince pies and tea!

Carol singing

The traditional carol singing around the village was - for a welcome change - blessed with fine (albeit cold) weather this year. With 14 carollers singing around Slackhead, and a record 19 singers the following evening around Beetham, we were welcomed with offers of drinks, mince pies, sausage rolls, and chocolates at so many houses along the way to keep us all in good voice!

We are delighted to have raised £426 for this year's charity, **Crisis at Christmas**, and would like to thank everyone who donated

so generously over the two evenings



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dance January Programme the HERON theatre music film

Friday 13th January Love & Friendship FILM AT THE HERON 7.30pm (2016) [U] - 92 mins

Based on a Jane Austen novella about a beautiful widow, Lady Susan Vernon (Kate Beckinsale), who has come to the estate of her in-laws to wait out colourful rumours concerning her dalliances circulating through polite society. She decides to secure a husband for herself & her reluctant debutante daughter

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 26th, 27th & 28th January, 7.30pm The Sunshine Boys English Lakes Touring Company English Lakes Touring Company in collaboration with theCompany presents Neil Simon's classic comedy in which two vaudeville greats - the Morecambe and Wise of their time try to work together again. But they haven't spoken for twelve years - will it work?

Friday 3rd February FILM AT THE HERON 7.30pm Room (2015) [U] - 118 mins

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Wednesday 25th January 2017

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Every day there is another report about how to be happier, how British children are getting obese, how we don't spend enough time outdoors. And yet there's more homework than ever, less time than ever, more pressure from tests and work... It's enough to make vour head hurt.

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countryside your doorstep and patients make the most of ime spent outside.

To make sure we plan the most useful activities for you and your children, we need your help, so fill in the survey and give us your thoughts!

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Are you looking for Stimulating Talks? Friendly People? then

by Brian Wilson 26 January: 'Letters & Lines from the Lakes' by Gilly Lewis Contact John Whitehead 015395 62101 johnwhitehead@guikmail.co.uk

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Limited places are available so please book on 01539 728180

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, ISSUE No 29 OCT - DEC 2016

At any time your parish council will usually have a number of projects in train. Some of these may be abandoned in the course of discussion and some will continue to fruition, but one thing they almost all have in common is that they up take a lot of time between start and finish. If other councils are involved, the amount of time soon increases.

Projects currently in the pipeline include refurbishing the ancient finger post at Slackhead. Many groups of enthusiastic people are involved with this project, which further adds to the time frame, but it is moving forward, albeit slowly, and at least it looks as if there will ultimately be a good result. One project that has been abandoned is the stone seat outside the Heron Theatre – on balance it was decided that, although restoration was an nice idea, a lot of manual work was involved and there was, in fact, little demand for a seat at that location. The seat will now remain as an attractive base for Beetham WI's attractive planter. Other projects rumble on (for example the Dixies site at Sandside) with a conclusion apparently no nearer despite the Parish Council's best efforts.

The litter-pick referred to in earlier newsletters was deferred after an unidentified litter-picker was spotted hard at work along the A6 between Beetham and Hale. No doubt that particular stretch of road will need further attention before long and it is planned to re-assess the situation in spring 2017. However, along that same stretch of road, the new crematorium is beginning to take shape and will soon become an established feature. It will be interesting to see just how well the finished building will merge into its surroundings.

The Beetham defibrillator project is presently on hold. BT had given permission for a defibrillator to be housed in the Stanley Street pay-phone box, as the box was not being used very much for its original and intended purpose. Then BT announced that all underused phone boxes - including the Stanley Street box - were being considered for removal, subject to consultation with local authorities. This is where we are at this moment. But there is hope for a favourable outcome. It is understood that it may become possible for a local authority to 'adopt' a threatened phone box. Watch this 6.30pm: 1st Sunday various styles of worship space.

You may have seen village maps/information panels on display in other villages. Indeed, Beetham parish already has two such boards, on Hale Green and at the Friar Cote Bridge end of Sandside Cutting. There is now a growing popularity for these boards and your parish council plans to site four more at appropriate points around the parish. These should appear for summer 2017.

Two police matters should be mentioned. Although Beetham parish is, thankfully, relatively crime-free, it is very close to the border between Cumbria and Lancashire. The A6, which passes through it, carries much of the traffic engaged in cross -border crime. Cumbria Police target this area in the hope of intercepting such traffic, but their appeal for active support from civilian volunteers has gone largely unanswered. Can you help? Additionally, Cumbria's Police & Crime Commissioner has agreed to meet representatives of the three local parish councils (Arnside, Beetham and MILNTHORPE ST THOMAS Milnthorpe) to discuss general policing matters, including 8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays any concerns people may have. Beetham Parish Council will certainly be nominating representatives for this meeting.

> Clerk: Mr J R Scargill 01524 782811 Chair: Mr B C Meakin 015395 65722

Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th January at 7pm in Storth Village Church

Members of the public are welcome to attend

Minutes of the December meeting and details of the current East and West Ward Councillors can be found on the website at www.beethampc.co.uk



10.30am levens.org.uk

Info: Revd David Stretton 01524 761397 or 015395 62985 Sunday, 9.30am

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