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# THE GATEWAY

PARISH MAGAZINE OF  
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM

**JANUARY 2018**

**Happy New Year to everyone! Here we are in the darkest and coldest months of the year and you find yourself reading an article on dementia, but just as we have the promise of a brand new year to look forward to with spring just around the corner, we also have good news of hope and support for everyone living with dementia in Cumbria.**

Cumbria is an amazing county with amazing people. It is attracting the attention of many other counties in the UK after an initiative was started some time ago to make every church in Cumbria dementia friendly. Initially, being dementia friendly was about churches welcoming people living with dementia and their carers, making sure that services were appropriate and also making sure that buildings were safe and secure.

Those were, and still are, the main aims of the initiative but being dementia friendly has turned out to be much more enriching than that. In order to make every church dementia friendly 104 volunteer Dementia Enablers have been appointed and trained throughout Cumbria. Their job is to be the point of contact within communities. They are able to give information and offer support to assist people living with dementia and their carers. Dementia Enablers work in large and small communities, are based in the local church and prepared to support the needs of the community. They are responsible for organising Memory Cafes, Music for the Mind meetings, Tea Services and much, much more. The wholehearted enthusiasm for this project comes from an alliance between various denominations including Anglican, Baptist, Salvation Army, Catholic, United Reform, Methodist, Church of Scotland (Border Kirks), Quaker and King's Church Evangelical. This is an initiative which cuts across religious boundaries just as the disease disregards all boundaries.

Each of the Dementia Enablers is likely to be a Dementia Friend and many will have done further training with the Alzheimer Society to become a Dementia Champion. These Champions will be able to run information sessions for groups of people within the community who want to know more about this disease and how to help and support people with dementia and their carers.



This is a great initiative, not designed principally to attract people into churches (although a sincere and loving welcome would be extended) but for the church to reach out to give active and caring support into the community. Cumbria is taking a lead across the country and other counties are starting to follow the Cumbrian model. Let's not stop at just making the church dementia friendly, let's make every street, every village and every town in Cumbria dementia friendly. Let's raise awareness of the nature of this disease, let's gain strength, courage and confidence in the way that we support people living with dementia and their carers - those accepting, courageous and wonderful people who are an integral and valued part of our community.

**Dementia Champions based at St. Michael and All Angels, Beetham, are Sarah Easton and Vivien Stirrup**

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### Church Services at Beetham in January

Date	Time	Service
Wed 3rd Jan	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 5th Jan	9am	School Assembly
Sun 7th Jan	10am	Parish Eucharist
Epiphany	6pm	Evensong
Wed 10th Jan	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Thur 11th Jan	2.45pm	Edward Bear Club
Fri 12th Jan	9am	School Assembly
Sun 14th Jan	10am	Parish Eucharist
2nd of Epiphany	6pm	Evensong
Wed 17th Jan	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 19th Jan	9am	School Assembly
Sun 21st Jan	10am	Parish Eucharist
3rd of Epiphany	6pm	Evensong
Wed 24th Jan	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 26th Jan	9am	School Assembly
Sun 28th Jan	10am	Parish Eucharist
Candlemas	6pm	Evensong
Wed 31st Jan	9.30am	*Communion by Extension

Wednesday morning services marked \* are  
Public Worship with Communion by Extension

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

### Thank You

Beetham Church would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Revd Canon Dr David Peacock and to Revd Geoff Turner for their ministry over the Advent and Christmas period. They volunteered (!) to cover all of the services between them, and both provided insightful and enjoyable sermons each Sunday, and at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning services. We are delighted and privileged that they have offered to continue to lead us in our worship during the interregnum for the forthcoming months

Thank you also goes to Geoff Field for playing the organ over Christmas with such entertaining talent and enthusiasm. We look forward to hearing more of his extensive repertoire in 2018!

### Church Volunteers Wanted

With the start of the New Year, we are once again preparing new church volunteer rotas:-

- ~ 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 year)
- ~ Rose pergola (mainly summer months, individual arches allocated per volunteer)

A big thank you to all who continue to work hard behind the scenes to keep our church running so well. They are also very social activities so if you would like to join the fun please contact the churchwardens or sign up at the back of church!

The Gateway team would like to wish all our readers a

### Happy New Year

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## 'Reconciliation' & The Beetham Crib

In 2012, the late Revd Canon Sandy Lofthouse received an enquiry from Cumbria Magazine concerning the carved wood Beetham Nativity scene placed on display each year. It was made by German Prisoners of War from the Bela River Camp at Elmsfield, and a certificate signed by the camp commander and the camp chaplain and dated Christmas 1946 states:

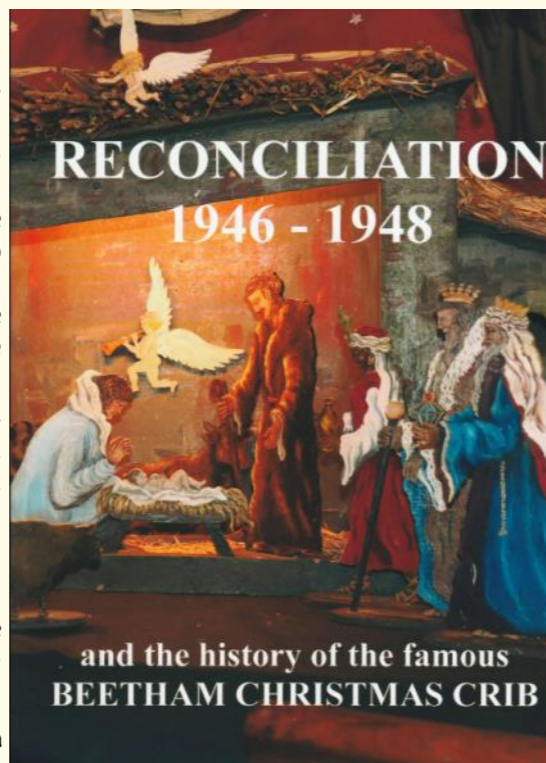
**"We German Prisoners of War from Beela River Camp are giving this stable and the figures of the Nativity story, which have been made by Bruno Baumann and his assistant Gabriel Fabian as a gift to the Parish of Beetham. By doing so we will express our gratefulness for having been able to realize the real spirit of Christian brotherhood, which has been proved to us by the Hon. Rev. A. Macleod Murray and the congregation of Beetham"**

Other than this little was known about the history of the Crib and Sandy began to research the story behind the gift. Written accounts in parish magazines, minutes, and the press uncovered some facts, but Sandy then contacted Andrew Murray, son of the Revd Alexander MacLeod Murray, and was able to complete the jigsaw puzzle of a very remarkable story

It is with grateful thanks to John Lomax that this comprehensive research has now been compiled into a fascinating 28-page booklet, telling the moving tales of the PoWs, Revd MacLeod, and the compassion of the people of Beetham. The booklet is available in church, price £3

Postscript by Revd Alexander MacLeod Murray following the closing of the Bela River Camp:-

*"So I will close my story as seen by a Vicar of Beetham, a story which has had to be compressed, omitting a good deal. However, the attempt at integration did seem to mean that the PoWs felt that they had received an understanding welcome as part of the Parish, and that enmity of any kind had been cast off"*



## Preparing the Church for Christmas

Every year Beetham Church welcomes many additional visitors during the Advent and Christmas season. Preparing the church for this period involves plenty of hard work from dedicated teams of people behind the scenes

The music is planned well in advance, and practices with a specially augmented choir are scheduled for several weeks beforehand. Orders of service are agreed and volunteer rotas for leading the worship, reading, sidespeople, offertory, candle lighters and refreshments for each service are finalised

Thanks go once again to Antony Wood and his family for providing the full height Christmas tree which always looks so magnificent. Decorating the Christmas tree is a social occasion, and thank you to Harry Parrott for leading the team to secure the tree in position, install the lights, and complete the decorations in time for the School Carol Service, as well as mounting all the candles on every windowsill around the church

Thank you also to Dianne Lomax for organising the flower arrangers and for creating the Advent Candle wreath. This year the flower ladies were joined by two intrepid teams of 'flower men', vying to produce the most elegant displays, and successfully telling the stories of the Nativity and All the Bells on Earth Shall Ring respectively - thank you gentlemen

Continuing the preparations were the church cleaning team and all the brasses beautifully shone by Sheila MacInnes. Bakers busily made mince pies and delicious cakes, and mulled wine was prepared by Brian Smalley for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Finally to the washer-uppers, who tirelessly washed and dried after every single event - a very grateful thank you from all of us!



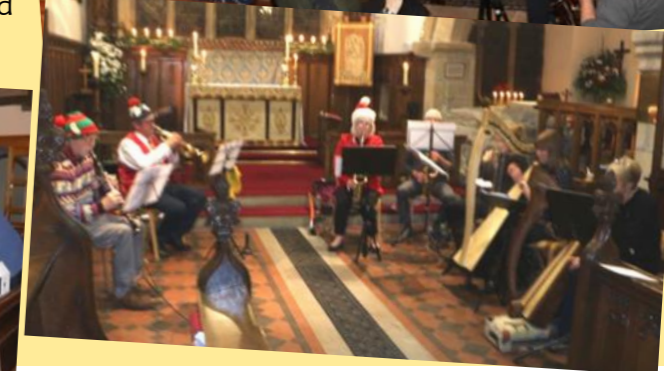
## Beetham Christingle

The **Christingle Service** was held on Christmas Eve with a packed church of 235 people. The service was led by Revd Canon Dr David Peacock, and the children were told the Christmas Story by head teacher Wendy Nicholas. The story of Christingles was told by Jenny Marks and 150 Christingles were distributed

The collection at the service was in aid of the **Children's Society**, and a wonderful total of **£384** was raised for their work in helping vulnerable children across Britain

During the lighting of the Christingles the newly formed Beetham Community Band performed several carols. The Band is an enthusiastic group of adults who mainly learnt to play a musical instrument at school and had not opened their music cases since then, but have now decided to dust them off! If you can bring anything from a comb-and-paper or triangle to a double bass please come and join in at 10.30am on any Saturday morning in church

Thank you to **Booths Milnthorpe** for again providing all the oranges, and to the team of Christingle makers who resisted eating all the sweets and raisins...



## Christmas Carols

A joyful season of Christmas Carols included the traditional **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** in the church on Sunday 17th December, where it was lovely to welcome so many visitors to join the congregation. During the evocative candlelit service, the augmented choir sang several beautiful carols, the congregation joined in the traditional carols and the Nine Lessons were read by representatives of various church groups. The handbellringers rang carols during the refreshments at the end of the service

The **Church Carol Singers** (plus one recorder player) were out in force this year. Despite the wet weather, there were 17 carollers on Tuesday 19th December singing around Slackhead. The following evening there were a record 18 carollers singing around Beetham village. A solo caroller who still had a voice left also accompanied the handbellringers on the Thursday evening at Booths in Milnthorpe... The chosen charity this year was again **Crisis at Christmas** and the donations from the three evenings raised a record **£433.14**. Thank you for donating so generously to Crisis, and also for the mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine given to the carol singers on their way round!

As well as Church and Booths, the **Handbell Ringers** were busy throughout December, ringing carols at Allan Bank Grasmere, Hartland House, Elmsfield House, Lunesdale House, and Grayrigg. Thank you to all who sang along





# On the twelfth month of School Corner...

1 A Pupil on a Borwick Tree



2 Smiling Pedallers



5 Golden Tickets



3 Winter Fairers



6 Paddlers Playing



4 Calling Rowers



7 Cooks a Chopping



8 Gymnasts a Leaping



9 in the Maize Maze



10 Making Music



11 Sheep & Shepherds



12 Victorians Studing





## Beetham & Beyond

### Happy New Year from Beetham WI!

Our Christmas party was full of fun and fine food; hopefully a good time was had by all. A few days later some of us attended the Cumbria-Westmorland Federation Carol Service in Kendal, where we all sang heartily.

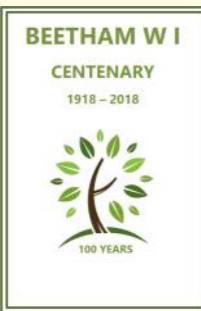


Our plans for Beetham WI Centenary in 2018 are coming together and it looks like we will be busy. To begin the year we are meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 9th January in The Heron Corn Mill to 'Set the Scene'. We will be looking at all of our local archive material to help us think about the past 100 years of life in Beetham.

If any of you have any historical or even more recent artefacts or stories which would help us piece our history together, please do contact me.

Wishing everyone a wonderful 2018

Sarah Easton, WI President



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Friday 2nd February **FILM AT THE HERON** 7.30pm  
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Sunday 4th February Matinee 2.30pm  
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### Beetham Village Christmas Tree

Evening visitors to the centre of Beetham Village cannot have failed to notice a new addition to the festive spirit this year - a large brightly lit Christmas tree near to the village stocks!

With thanks to the recently formed Christmas Tree Committee, and to Beetham Sports for their sponsorship of the lights, the tree has given a lovely village focal point for several weeks. The carollers were invited to sing round the tree on 20th December, and the Committee kindly provided mulled wine and mince pies to encourage everyone to join in

It brought an enchanting atmosphere to the village and we hope that the Tree Committee will repeat it again next year, as the beginning of what promises to become a long-lasting tradition for the community

Thank you!



## What's On Guide

### Westmorland Orchestra

Saturday 10th March  
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Cello Concerto ~ Dvorak  
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You are warmly invited to attend the AONB Annual Conference, which this year takes a slightly different approach. We are now beginning the work of developing our 2019-24 Management Plan and want key stakeholders to take an active role in influencing our work plans during this uncertain time for the agri-environment sector.

At the Conference, we will present how we have been working on the ground and alongside our partners to deliver the 2014-19 Management Plan, and posing a series of questions to attendees about where our focus should lie in the coming years. We look forward to hearing your views.

Conference places are free but **must** be booked in advance. Email [info@arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk](mailto:info@arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk) to register for your place by 8th January or visit [www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk](http://www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk) for further details



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### Heron Corn Mill

#### New Year Opening

The barn will be reopening on Monday 8th January. The mill will remain closed in January for cleaning and maintenance, before reopening on 21st Feb (half term)

#### Patchwork and Quilting Workshop

Textile artist Stella Adams-Schofield is on the lookout for new learners to join her Patchwork and Quilting workshops, held in the barn one Wednesday per month from 10am-4pm. The first session of 2018 will take place on the 24th of January, where there will be an opportunity to learn all about Crazy Patchwork. Each workshop costs £35 including tea and coffee. Please contact Stella on 015395 63991 or [stellaadamsschofield@outlook.com](mailto:stellaadamsschofield@outlook.com)

#### Crafternoons

Join Kerry for Crafternoons, a free drop-in workshop and social group held in the barn. The next workshop will be on 28th February from 1-4pm



Heron Corn Mill, Mill Lane, Beetham ~ [www.heronmill.org](http://www.heronmill.org), 015395 64271



The SLDC/AONB Development Plan Document (DPD), referred to in our September newsletter has now been approved by Lancaster City Council and SLDC. The plan will now go forward to a planning inspector whose decision is expected in Jan/Feb 2018. Importantly, the two sites B79 and B116, discussed in detail at BPC's July meeting, are not being proposed for development in the current version of the plan.

Another important planning issue concerns the field known as the Sports Field at Beetham. This field has recently been purchased by a local resident with the stated object of safeguarding its future from development. The purchaser's intention is to offer the lower half of the field to the diocese at cost for use as a playing/sports field for Beetham School and to provide much needed extra space for a wider range of school-related activities in the long term. The top half of the field is to remain accessible for occasional use by the school. The prospect of an eventual pedestrian/cycle path from the top to the bottom of the entire field, as a safer alternative to Leighton Beck Road, now seems more realistic. These exciting plans are fully supported by the school and by the parish council.

The damage to the bus shelter on the south side of the B5282 at Carr Bank Road end, the result of a car accident on 2 October, proved fatal and the shelter's remains were removed shortly after for safety reasons. The intention is to replace the old shelter as soon as possible with a more modern and substantial equivalent. Permission from BPC's insurers to proceed is now awaited, with the cost expected to be borne by the third party's insurers.

As owners of Sandside Cutting, BPC is responsible for significant stretches of (mostly dry-stone) boundary walling. Although remarkably durable, such walls do eventually deteriorate and need to be repaired. These walls are often perched at the top of steep banking, with dislodged stones in danger of falling into the cutting below. Sections in need of repair have recently been identified and repair work will begin in the very near future, but the cost of this operation could be substantial. Local residents seem well pleased with the newly refurbished historically-important sign post at the Slackhead road junction – thanks to all who were involved with this restoration.

There is disappointment locally with Natural England's proposal to route its coastal path across the bay, from Arnside to Grange, using the railway as a 'ferry', thereby totally bypassing a number of parishes higher up the estuary, including Beetham. It is hoped that Natural England can be persuaded to reconsider this decision.

The year 2018 will be historically important in the UK for a number of reasons. One of these is that it marks the centenary of the end of hostilities in World War 1. The parish council is anxious that this anniversary is properly commemorated and not overlooked or minimised in the light of more current European events. Any parish group or organisation that has suggestions for how such commemoration might best be done, either individually or collectively, and whether independently of or in conjunction with the parish council, is asked to forward their ideas to the parish council, care of the Clerk.

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

**Beetham Parish Council**  
The next meeting will be on  
**Monday 8th January**  
at 7pm  
in Beetham CE School

Members of the public are welcome to attend Minutes of previous meetings and details of the current East and West Ward Councillors can be found on the website at [www.beethampc.co.uk](http://www.beethampc.co.uk)

**KENT ESTUARY GROUP MINISTRY**  
The Church of England around the Kent Estuary  
**Sunday Worship in the Kent Estuary area**

**ARNSIDE ST JAMES**  
8.00am: BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am: Morning Worship, usually with Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: All-age Worship  
4.30pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Celtic Communion  
Info: [arnsidechurch.webplus.net](http://arnsidechurch.webplus.net) Revd David Cooper 01524 761319

**BEETHAM ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**  
10.00am: Parish Communion  
6.00pm: Sung Evensong (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: said BCP Evening Service)  
Info: [beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk](http://beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk)

**HEVERSHAM ST PETER**  
8.00am: BCP Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
9.30am: Main Service:  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays: Parish Communion (CW)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Communion Praise (contemporary worship)  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: All Age Worship  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: United service with Levens & Milnthorpe  
6.30pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Open to God  
Info: [stpetersheversham.org](http://stpetersheversham.org)

**LEVENS ST JOHN**  
10.00am: Parish Communion:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sun: All-age worship; 5<sup>th</sup> Sun: United service at Heversham  
Info: [levens.org.uk](http://levens.org.uk)

**MILNTHORPE ST THOMAS**  
8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
11.00am: Main Services 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>: CW Communion  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Morning Praise  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: United service at Heversham  
11.00am: every week Sunday Circle for children  
Info via: [stpetersheversham.org](http://stpetersheversham.org)

**STORTH VILLAGE CHURCH**  
10.30am: Methodist and Anglican services each week  
Info: Revd David Stretton 01524 761397; Revd David Cooper 01524 761319

**METHODIST SERVICES**  
**ARNSIDE**  
10.30am see website for details  
[arnsidemethodistchurch.org.uk](http://arnsidemethodistchurch.org.uk)  
**MILNTHORPE**  
3.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at Methodists in Milnthorpe, M:Hub, Beetham Road  
**LEVENS**  
10.30am [levens.org.uk](http://levens.org.uk)  
Info: Revd David Stretton 01524 761397 or 015395 63179

**ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES**  
**ARNSIDE**  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
Saturday, 5.30pm  
**MILNTHORPE**  
CHRIST THE KING  
Sunday, 10.30am  
Info: Fr Philip Smith 015395 32731 or Chris Noble 01524 762427

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Tuesday/Friday 10am  
Arnside Methodist Church Hall  
Eileen Walters: 01524 761720

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Arnside Lunch Club 1st Friday of month at **The Albion**, and Sandside Lunch Club 3rd Wednesday of month at **The Ship**, Christine Marland, 01524 761566  
Storth Club 2nd Thursday of month at **The Kingfisher**, Norah Padgett 015395 62887  
Helpline: 01539 728180; [www.ageuk.org.uk/southlakeland](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/southlakeland)

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