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Wednesday 20th March
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Saturday 4th May
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Saturday 11th May
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Sunday 12th May
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ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM

MARCH 2019

MOVING ON.....

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.
Martin Luther

The month of March, as we all know, was named by the Romans after their God of War. What a strange choice! War??? Not a happy idea! Personally, I much prefer to think of the month as the motive verb march, as in "Quick March" or "March On!"

Meteorologists tell us that March 1st is the first day of Spring. Yes, maybe, although in 2018 it brought the infamous "Beast from the East" – not in the least Spring-like! It is of course also Saint David's Day, as I well know because my mother, a Welshwoman, was so pleased when I told her of my intention to marry someone whose birthday is 1st March. Ever since then, each year without fail she sent her daughter-in-law a lovely birthday card with a picture of daffodils.



Spring – the season of new life! During this month we may see, if we're lucky, the first newborn lambs in the lowland fields around us, yet another reminder of birth into the wonder of creation. Most stark perhaps is that from the branches of trees and hedges that have for so long now appeared lifeless, new shoots of green life spring forth. And these from twigs that previously were, to all appearances, quite dead! Through parenthood or grandparenthood one may hope to see into the future, when we ourselves are no longer here. This is new life after death, perhaps?

There are, of course, parallels with Christian beliefs and teaching – and other world religions and philosophies too. Christians aim for the ideal of life after death in Heaven as do Jews; in Buddhism the aspiration is Nirvana; Hindus believe in reincarnation, and so on.

So, in March as we move through Lent and towards Easter, we have the boldest of reminders:

The Gospel offers forgiveness for the past, new life for the present, and hope for the future.
Dr. John Sentamu, Archbishop of York

John Lomax

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Church Services at Beetham in March		
Date	Time	Service
Fri 1st Mar	9am	School assembly
Sun 3rd Mar <i>Next before Lent</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Wed 6th Mar <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10am	Holy Communion with Ashes
Fri 8th Mar	9am	School assembly
Sun 10th Mar <i>1st of Lent</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Fri 15th Mar	9am	School assembly
Sun 17th Mar <i>2nd of Lent</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Fri 22nd Mar	9am	School assembly
Sun 24th Mar <i>3rd of Lent</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Fri 29th Mar	tbc	End of Term Assembly
Sun 31st Mar <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Said Evening Service
Please check Church noticeboards or beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk for any changes		

John Falkingham

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of John Falkingham last month. John was a familiar figure in Beetham Church as our relief organist and friend of the church. He was an accomplished musical director and singer, giving solo performances of anthems in church, and encouraging new members to sing in the choir on special occasions. John was a keen supporter of our fund-raising, presenting us with entertaining and beautifully illustrated Travelogues in his own gentle humorous style, and was due to give his next talk on India and Nepal this month

John will be sadly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Liz and the family at this time

Annual Beetham Church Meetings
Notice is given of the following:-

Annual Vestry Meeting
to be held at 11.15am on Sunday 28th April in church, to elect three churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held at 11.30am on Sunday 28th April in church. Reports will be given on all the church activities from the previous year, and PCC and Deanery Synod members will be elected

Would all nominated representatives of each of the church groups please send their activity reports to the PCC Secretary, Dorothy MacLeod, by Monday 4th March. If you would like a reminder of what you submitted last year please go to the website (About us : Annual Reports). Reports will be collated and the full Church Annual Report & Accounts issued ahead of the APCM. Paper copies will be available for collection at the back of church and an online version will be available on the website

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**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. Churchwardens stand for election every year and generally serve for 3-6 years

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. **Nomination forms must be received by the PCC Secretary by Saturday 27th April**

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Beetham Church Electoral Roll 2019 - 6 yearly revision
There will be a complete revision of the Church Electoral Roll this year. Names are not automatically carried forward and to join the new roll you must fill in a form and return it to the electoral roll officer, Jenny Marks, by 10th April. This enables you to vote at the APCM for members of the PCC and the Deanery Synod.

The forms will be available in church and can also be downloaded at:-
www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk/?Links

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is held on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally, Mothering Sunday was the occasion when English children who had gone to work as apprentices and domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mothers and families

Although often called Mother's Day, its origin is different from the American festival, which has been observed on the second Sunday in May since 1913. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their 'mother' church at least once a year. So each year, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their home church, with working children being given the day off to join their family. Mothering Sunday was also called Refreshment Sunday, because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day

By the 19th century, the holiday was dying out. Its revival was brought about through the influence of the American servicemen stationed here during WWII. They often regarded their English hostess as a kind of foster-mother and each year on the second Sunday in May they did what they would have done for their own mothers – gave her flowers to thank her for her kindness and care. After the Americans had left at the end of the war the practice continued in this country, but reverting back to marking it in Lent



Beetham Church Annual Flower Festival 25th - 27th May

Each year we hold a themed Flower Festival weekend in the church at the end of May. The church is filled with lovely flower arrangements, and accompanied by an exhibition in the Lady Chapel.

Our theme this year will be 'Songs from the Musicals' to celebrate our thriving music tradition here in Beetham. Entrance is free all weekend, and the church will be full of displays - with each flower arranger making their own interpretation of the theme. The accompanying exhibition will recall the popularity and influence of 100 years of West End and Broadway Musicals - from Cole Porter's 'Hitchy-Koo' and Gershwin's 'La La Lucille' in 1919, right up to the present day. Refreshments will be available, plus live music from the Beetham Band, Beetham Handbellringers, and many talented musicians from the congregation



Ash Wednesday Service of Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Beetham Church
Wednesday 6th March
at 10am

"All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again" Ecclesiastes 3.20

FLIGHT OF FANCY

The sky is busy with crows in pairs:
an aerial ballet as they dive and sway.

White crow and its mate take centre stage
conspicuous in their courtship display.

This springtime ritual of the birds
a joyful celebration on St David's Day.

© Sheila MacInnes



Get your toes tapping!

Spring is in the air and The Beetham Band is having fun with their programme for the new season. 'Music from Stage and Screen' brings you a selection of West End musical favourites and big film themes that will be sure to get you singing along!

The Band is still open for new members. Just bring any instrument along to our practice on a Saturday morning at 10.30am in church and we will find you some music to play, or why not just come along and listen

Dust off that didgeridoo, and come and join us!

For details, contact Tess on 015395 63254



Beetham CE School

Beetham School held their end of term Celebration Assembly in church on Friday 15th February. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents, carers, and members of the church supporting the assembly. The children were keen to tell everyone what they had been doing in their last week of term, and to display their musical and writing talents, with singing, ocarina playing and poetry



The school children are regular visitors to the church during the week, coming in to learn more about the church and the different seasons and celebrations within the church year. The children also work really hard to create beautiful craft displays in the south aisle of the church, so please take time to have a look at them

Carnforth North Road School

We were delighted to welcome back Carnforth North Road School for a visit to Beetham Church on Tuesday 26th February. The Year 4 children had been to the Heron Corn Mill in the morning, and were lucky to have chosen such a beautiful sunny day for their trip to Beetham

The class had been learning about Saxons and Normans and were very knowledgeable spotting the different architectures in the Church. They were given a tour of the church, identifying different people depicted in the stained glass windows, counting the angels in the main East Window (if you want to know the answer you will have to come and count them), and learning about the different areas of the church. The children were full of questions - some trickier than others! - and were a joy to show round. We look forward to the school coming back again next year



Bishop Emma

Congratulations to The Rt Rev Dr Emma Ineson who has been consecrated as the new Bishop of Penrith. The service took place at York Minster on Wednesday 27th February, presided over by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.



The service was attended by many people from Cumbria, with Beetham represented by John & Dianne Lomax

Bishop Emma will be officially installed as the Suffragan Bishop of Penrith at a Service of Welcome and Installation at Carlisle Cathedral on Sunday 17th March at 3pm. She will take a lead in the Cumbria 'God for All' project

Candlemas

A big thank to all who were involved in the special Choral Evensong for Candlemas on Sunday 3rd February

The Evensong was held in a candlelit church, and candles given to everyone during the service. The church choir, under the musical direction of our organist, Geoff Field, sang intricate arrangements of an anthem, the Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, the Psalm, responses and hymns

The next full choral Evensong will be on Easter Sunday and all are welcome to this joyous celebration





Everyone at school has just returned from a very well deserved half term break and we have been enjoying playing on our school field in the lovely sunshine. Over half term we had some super new playground equipment fitted, which the children are looking forward to using. Our 'Behaviour and Values' Council are busy writing some safety rules and then Beetham Tower will be put into use!

We enjoyed a visit from Mrs Wray, Morgan and Arthur's mum, who came to tell everyone about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated in Hong Kong. The children enjoyed hearing about the different traditions and saw a video of Morgan and Arthur's cousin, Boris, celebrating in Shanghai. Mrs' Wray's visit finished with everyone being given a mandarin orange - having mandarin oranges around the home at Chinese New Year is said to bring riches into your life.

As you can see from the photographs we have had a busy time with sports activities over the last few weeks. Our gymnastics teams trained hard for the Key Steps competition at Dallam. They had to perform individual routines in body management, floor work and vault in front of judges who awarded points for their performance. Our Key Steps 1 team won Bronze medals and everyone enjoyed the challenge of taking part in this event.

The Cross Country competition took place on a very cold and windy day but everyone wrapped up well and took part with enthusiasm in spite of the weather. Congratulations go particularly to Holly Jenner who came third in the Yr 5 & 6 Girl's race but also to everyone else who competed really well on behalf of our school.

In swimming the children in KS2 have been developing their rescue and survival skills over the last few weeks. They have been taught how to safely rescue someone without entering the water and in the photo they are practising a survival position which helps the body to retain heat.

We are looking forward to a visit from Councillor Pete McSweeney next week who is coming to listen to questions prepared by the 'Church & Community Council' about issues which affect their lives in Beetham.

Also taking place very soon is our performance in the Brewery Dance Festival. Children in KS2 are busy perfecting their dance about 'Electricity' which they will perform at the Brewery on 19th March. In addition, the Yr 3 & 4 children will be developing their cycling skills and safety during their Bikeability training which helps to prepare them for cycling safely on the road.

This is a really busy half term which leads up to our Easter holiday with lots of learning and activities taking place at school - more news about these next month!

Best Wishes
Wendy Nicholas

Beetham & Beyond

March Programme



art dance
the HERON theatre
music film

Sunday 3rd March **John Mills & Cobie Smit** Matinée 2.30pm
Classical Guitar
Cobie studied at The Hague and Rotterdam conservatoires, and John is a former student of John Williams, Julian Bream and Segovia. They have performed as a duo for over 35 years

Friday 8th March **"A Warning to the Curious"** 7.30pm
R M Lloyd Parry

Two ghost stories by M R James. *Lost Hearts* sees an orphan going to live with his uncle and haunted by two children. *A Warning to the Curious* tells of the search for one of the lost Saxon crowns of Anglia

Saturday 16th March **Kit Holmes** 7.30pm

Kit returns to The Heron with Alan Greenwood for another uplifting evening of virtuoso guitar, sultry vocals, poignant lyrics and feisty fiddle playing

Friday 22nd March **"Joyce—A Celebration"** 7.30pm
Jane Bower

Jane 'keeps the flame of Joyce alive' in this newly reworked show. Not seeking to imitate her, Jane reawakens memories of Joyce's remarkable skill, personality and beliefs

Friday 29th March **Members' Evening** 7.30pm

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Friday 5th April **Cold War** 7.30pm
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Saturday 4th May 2019

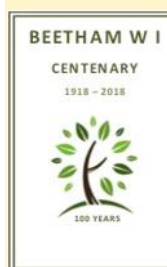
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Beetham WI

Our February meeting, a talk by Susan Coyne entitled 'A Visit to Grandma's Attic' was much enjoyed by our members. We learnt how we can re use everyday items we have at home by 'up cycling' them into attractive and useful items.



'Chair Yoga for all' will be demonstrated by Patricia Irving at our next meeting in the M:Hub in Milnthorpe on Tuesday 5th March at 7pm.



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with Cumbria Festival Chorus
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Ian Jones *Conductor*

Tickets £12 (18 and under Free)
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Kendal South Choir
Saturday 4th May
at 7.30pm
Mendelssohn

ELIJAH

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Conductor Geoff Field

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28th March : Chris Wilcock
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7th March : Tony Womack
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21st March : Harry Hawkins
'The Cumbrian Monasteries'

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Coffee Morning

Wednesday
6th March
10.45am in the Church

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Past, Present and Future'

Thursday 7th March

7.30pm

Yealand Village Hall

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The Trust's Reserves Committee will describe the three Trust Reserves at Coldwell, with specific reference to the new land at Coldwell which links our previous reserves at Coldwell Parrock and Coldwell Meadow. A number of expert speakers will give their take on this unique area, what is important about it, and how it links into the local Nature Reserves of the AONB.

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Beetham & Arnside Priest-in-charge Update

Following the interviews in February we are delighted to say that a successful candidate was chosen and has accepted the post of Priest-in-charge for the Benefices of Beetham and of Arnside

The formal announcement will be made in both parishes on Sunday 3rd March, and details of the date of the Installation Service will be published in The Gateway in the near future

We would all like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Beetham Parish Priest!

ARNSIDE HIGHLIGHTS

Arnside Educational Institute, Church Hill, Arnside

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BEETHAM PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2019

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* A review of the Parish Council year
by Cllr Brian Meakin (P C Chair).

* A presentation on the work of Morecambe
Bay Partnership by Susannah Bleakley.

* Any questions?

* Chat informally with parish councillors.

* Enjoy refreshments.

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**All are most welcome
at Heron Theatre, Beetham,
8.00pm Thursday 14th March 2019**

Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on
**Monday 4th March at 7pm
in Storth Village Church**

Members of the public are welcome to attend
Minutes of previous meetings can be found
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10.00am: Parish Communion
6.00pm: Sung Evensong (5th Sunday: said BCP Evening Service)
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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
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
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Beetham Road

LEVENS
10.30am levens.org.uk
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