

Annual Flower Festival

Jane Austen

Saturday 27th May 10am~5pm Sunday 28th May 11.15am~5pm Monday 29th May 10am~5pm Stunning flower displays depicting this year's theme throughout the church Special exhibition of the Life and Times of Jane Austen, to commemorate her 200th anniversary

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LINDA'S LETTER

"O all ye things that grow in the earth, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever. O ve mountains, bless ye the Lord: Praise and exalt him above all for ever. O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever. O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever. O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever. O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever" Benedicite - Song of Creation

For me one of the beauties of Anglican worship is that over the weeks and months you get a real sense of the rhythm and flow of the church's year, as we commemorate the saints, both lesser and greater, with the feast days and the fasts - the seasons and the changes that occur as we pray our way through the church's year. This month we keep Rogationtide; this is a time when we ask God's blessing on the lands and the seas and all those who labour to produce the bountiful food which we enjoy. Some years ago I was given a little service book, first published in 1947, called 'Country Services' which celebrated the farming year: Plough Sunday, Rogationtide, Lammastide and Harvest Thanksgiving. Sadly fewer and fewer parishes keep or ever kept Rogation Sunday; but I think we will be all the poorer if this commemoration is consigned to the past. For those taking part in a Rogation Service there's a real connection with the land - that's if you have the fortitude to go the whole round. According to the service book, it starts off in church with the processional hymn, a short address, reading and prayer, and then we set off. The first stop is at a meadow or field, there's a blessing on the field and then on the cattle:

O God, who hast given us the humble beast to share with us the burden and heat of the day: grant that we may show our gratitude to thee, who art the Giver of all life, by treating with gentleness and consideration all living creatures entrusted to our care. May God bless your cattle, your sheep, and your horses. May he preserve them from disease, and keep them in good condition. May God bless these pastures and meadows, all growing grass, and green fields. May they remain healthy and unspoiled, and be devoted always to the service of man and beast.

The procession moves on, singing. The next stop is for the blessing of the well, stream or river. The blessing of Almighty God be on these and all waters: springs and brooks, lakes and wells, small and great rivers, and the great outer oceans: blessings on all ships and sailors, on merchant seamen and fishermen, and on the whole brotherhood of the sea: God's blessing be with you all, to lead you peaceably by still waters.

We're off again following the same format: scripture, blessing, processional hymn. Our next stop is for the blessing of the crops, then on to the farmyard where we offer up our thanks to God as we acknowledge: The chief thing for life is water, and bread, and a garment, and a house. Health and good constitution are better than all gold: and there is no gladness above the joy of the heart. Thanks be to God, for the simple, honest, and clean things of life: For the stirring of all young life throughout the countryside: For hard work in the open that wearies and satisfies a man: For the security of a house to come back to, with a roof over our head, a fire in our kitchens, food to eat, and sound sleep at night. Bless this house and farm, and those who live here and do their work. Give them health and purity, strength and humility, goodness and meekness. May God preserve your going out and your coming in: from this time forth and for evermore.

Now we move on to the gardens, allotments or orchards, hopefully coming full circle till we are back in the churchyard, where we offer this prayer:

Herein is a true saying, One soweth and another reapeth. Remember Lord, those who have brought us into this world...those who have borne with us...those before us who planned the fields, and marked out the farms, and trod the roads and marked out the ditches; those who first lived in this village, built this church, and brought the Good News of Christianity...All those who throughout the ages have worked hard, and trusted in God.Remember O Lord, the souls of all those who have kept the faith and grant them rest in the land of the living, whence all pain and grief have fled away, and the light of thy countenance shineth forever.

After all that walking, singing, praying; the kettle goes on for a much needed brew or you all retire to the pub. But what a great service! Rogationtide is firmly grounded in the earth and draws our attention to the environment in which we live, God's creation and our stewardship of it; our hope for a bountiful harvest and God's presence with us throughout life and death. So at the end of our days we might pray: May the blessing of him who blessed all, and the peace of him who maketh all things peaceful, and the mercy of him who is all merciful, and the watchful care of our God, be with you and amongst you and around you, now and for evermore. Amen Seasonal blessings, Revd Linda

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Thurs 4th May	2.45pm	Edward Bear Club	
Fri 5th May	9am	School Assembly	
	10am	Parish Eucharist	
Sun 7th May 4th of Easter	12 noon	Baptism	
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Annual Church Meeting Elections

The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings were held on Sunday 23rd April in the church. The Vestry Meeting received 3 nominations for new churchwardens, and John Dugdale, Brian Smalley and Ian Stirrup were duly elected and welcomed for 2017/18. Their service of admission will take place at Windermere Church on 22nd May. Thanks were given to retiring churchwarden Jenny Marks, and deputy/assistant wardens Kathleen Dodd, John Dugdale, and Vivien and Ian Stirrup for their work during the year. At the APCM reports were given by the many church officers and groups, summarising the strong mix of worship, volunteer work to keep the church running, and enjoyable fundraising and social events that had taken place in the life of our church during the year. Members of the electoral roll were invited to vote for new representatives to join the PCC, and John Lomax, John Montgomery, Tess Rowlands and Brian Smalley were duly elected for the next 3 years. Dorothy MacLeod and Vivien Stirrup agreed to stand for re-election as our Deanery Synod representatives. Revd Linda announced that she would be retiring later this year, and more details will follow

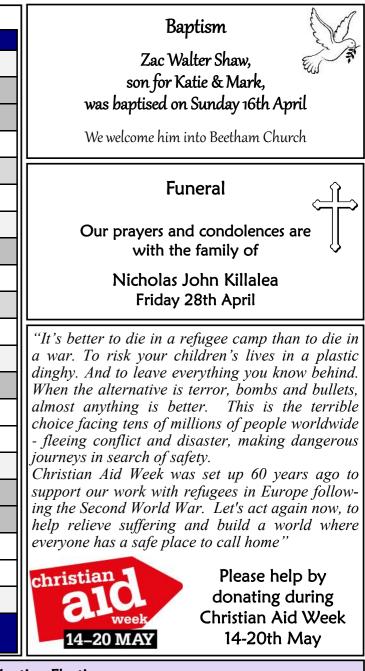
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On Friday 21st April, the Arnside Ladies Choir did exactly what their advertising had promised and gave us an evening of entertaining and uplifting music in the church! As well as Greg Gilpin's title song of 'Why We Sing', the choir took us through a wonderful journey from an amusing parody compilation of classical music to the beautiful arrangement of The Mamas & The Papas 'California Dreamin'

The choir had a well earned rest whilst their accompanist - Lynn Temple demonstrated that she is multi-talented, by singing the delightful 'Alto's Lament' amidst much laughter from the Arnside

Ladies alto section, as well as our Beetham Church altos!





even had the audience singing along to 'We'll Meet Again' (partly in a hopeful plea for new members to join the choir). Thanks go to Terry and the Arnside Ladies Choir for giving us such an enjoyable evening, which raised nearly £470 for Beetham Church

School Palm Assembly

All the children from Beetham School again walked to hear the Easter story being told by Jesus near the village stocks. As Pepper the donkey was unable to come along this time, the procession was led by a very proud Wispa - Mrs Fielden's chocolate Labrador - instead!



Thank you to Revd

Linda and Ms Nicholas

for leading the service,

to the children for

singing and speaking

so well, and to Jesus

and Wispa for making

the Palm walk from

school so special

Carrying palms and wearing crowns that they had made, the children were joined by parents and members of the congregation in church for a lovely Easter service of songs, prayers, poems and music

Easter Sunday

The children at Beetham School had worked hard to prepare this delightful display of Easter gardens, trees, cards, bonnets, and eggs, which could be admired in

church throughout Easter

It was lovely to see so many children and visitors at our Sunday Easter worship, with a congregation of over 100 people of all ages joining in the Morning Eucharist. Some regular were visitors, but we also welcomed several



new faces to the church for this festival day, and we would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come again and join our future worship and church activities

Special Visitors to Church



On Tuesday 25th April we were delighted to welcome a party of 26 schoolchildren and their teachers from Carnforth North Road Primary School. They are learning about the Norman period and were keen to show their knowledge of the Normans and their buildings as they looked around our church. They also completed the church window guiz, in groups led by Sue Smalley, Brian Smalley, and Jenny Marks, and particularly enjoyed trying to count the number of crowns in the East window. (Try it—it is not easy!)

The Friends of Beetham Church invite you to a

Chinese Evening Illustrated talk on China by John Falkingham and a Chinese Meal

Friday 23rd June at Milnthorpe M-Hub More details next month!

> Pop in for Coffee & Homemade Cake!

Beetham Village Coffee Morning Wednesday 3rd May 10.15 to 11.30am 🚽 in church

We are delighted to be hosting a group of walkers from Parkside in Arnside this month, and there will be a special guided tour of the church to which all are welcome Edward Bear Club Thursday 4th May 2.45pm in Church

Edward Bear says..

"Come and help me out of my hamper to hear my latest story!"

A short service and activities (30 mins) with juice & snacks, for young families and the young at heart!



Arnside Ladies Choir—'Why We Sing'



The choir's musical director, Terry Fleming (resplendent in a suitably bright pink waistcoat) also showed that he could multi-task - as the conductor, compere, parttime pianist, musical arranger, and equipment carrier! Terry's enthusiasm was infectious and

Plant Sale at Dallam Tower Open Garden Sunday 7th May 2017 from 2pm

Do come and find all sorts of interesting plants to add colour and texture to your garden! As well as the usual wide selection of herbaceous perennials and annual bedding plants we also have a number of plants which require some protection from late frosts (horticultural fleece is ideal, but simply a sheet or two of damp newspaper will often do the trick):-

* Tomatoes - cordon (Moneymaker, Shirley, etc); cherry (Gardeners' Delight); plum (Santonio) etc

* Dahlias - special varieties including dark-leaf single-flowered species * Unwins Dwarf Hybrids - "paintbox" style flowers in mixed colours, which flower all summer long

* and many more interesting and unusual, yet easy to grow, varieties

Prices will, as ever, be temptingly low, so arrive early to ensure the best selection available! Pre-event orders may be placed by contacting John Lomax on 015395 62648.

From Top to Bottom:- Bishop of Llandaff Moonfire Knockout Unwins Dwarf Hybrid













Our Spring Term finished with a very special Easter Service in Church, which followed a procession through the village and storytelling on the green. The children shared songs, music, prayers and readings, as well as producing a beautiful display of Easter crafts which was greatly enjoyed by visitors to the church over the Easter Festival.

We once again enjoyed taking part in the national school cycling competition called 'The Big Pedal'. This takes place annually and is organised by Sustrans to encourage children to cycle or scoot to school. Families made a huge effort to take part, even in some extreme weather!! However this paid off and we were delighted to come 2nd in the North West and 21st in the UK - a great result for our village school.

The School Council organised a Bring and Buy sale to support Red Nose Day. This was a fun event and along with the sale of 80 Red noses we were able to send £167 to support this very worthwhile charity.

Best wishes Wendy Nicholas

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This term we are looking forward to residential visits to Tower Wood, Windermere for Yr 3 & 4 and Ennerdale for Yr 5 & 6. We will be starting work soon on our end of year production which will have a Victorian theme, as this is our topic for the term. We will also have all the other usual events - sports day, leavers service etc but more details of those next month.

> We were delighted that our Yr 3 & 4 Gymnastics team got through to the final of the County Key Steps competition and performed brilliantly in front of a huge crowd of local schools and their supporters - they were even featured on Border News! This is the first time we have entered the competition so to reach the final was a great achievement.





Beetham & Beyond





April has seen the beginning of activity for The County Show in September....there is nothing like being prepared, as we are taking the opportunity to capitalise on our new members' crafty enthusiasm!



It was lovely to see the Heron Theatre so full for our April meeting. Trevor Hughes presented a history of Kendal which, as an in-comer, was highly educating however I believe everyone learnt something new!

Our 2nd May meeting is Mr Gordon Fletcher presenting on "Under Morecambe Bay", at 7pm in The Heron Theatre. Guests are always welcome; please see the notice board near the Old Post Office for further information.

I hope your duck was the lucky one! Sarah Easton, W I President PAGE 8







There will also be displays about Arnside Knott, Trowbarrow Quarry and many other dramatic local landscapes. This exhibition is part of a weekend seminar with lectures on Saturday morning at Arnside El and several field trips. ail LTevents@arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk for full programme & booking form or search www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk The LANDSCAPE TRUST - 1000 members passionate about the AONB

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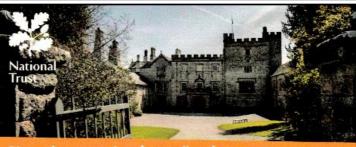




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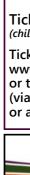
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Heron Corn Mill, Beetham

National Mills Weekend Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May 11am - 4pm

National Mills Weekend is just around the corner, taking place on Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th of May, and we hope you can join us for a special weekend of events celebrating our milling heritage!

Mill tours will take place on both days at 11.30am, so you can learn all about the rich history of Heron Corn Mill, and we'll be joined by amateur radio enthusiasts, Sands Contest Group, who'll be in the Grain Store as part of the Mills on the Air programme, which is run every year by the S.P.A.B. Mills section. There will also be an illustrated talk about the development of Heron Corn Mill by our resident miller Stuart Hobbs on Saturday, which will run from 1 - 2pm

Entry to this event is FREE, and homemade refreshments will be available from the barn, while freshly baked loaves will be for sale in the Shepherds Hut

> Heron Corn Mill, Mill Lane, Beetham, 015395 64271 info@heronmill.org ~ www.heronmill.org

God for All in Cumbria

God for All is a vision for the churches in Cumbria that, by 2020 every person in Cumbria of all ages and backgrounds, will have had an opportunity to discover more of God, His love and purpose for their lives

- Part of the delivery of 'God for All' is the establishing of Mission Communities. These will focus on mission and working together to reach out to communities to establish new patterns of worship alongside the traditional. Their purpose is to ensure a Christian presence, witness and care visible to all
- One such Mission Community will be established in Kent Estuary. A group, with representatives from each church, is already meeting to discuss how we might best develop ways of responding in this area
- Another step towards the vision will be the 'Moving Mountains' mission being held in Cumbria 8-11 March 2018. More information on this will follow but if you want to be involved, or have ideas about how our churches can be involved, please do talk to our Beetham Church representative, David MacInnes



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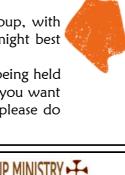
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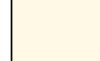


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