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# THE GATEWAY

PARISH MAGAZINE OF  
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM

MAY 2018

## ~~~ NUTS IN MAY ~~~

**Here we go gathering nuts in May. Nuts in May, nuts in May,  
Here we go gathering nuts in May. On a cold and frosty morning**

– an old nursery rhyme you may remember singing to the tune of “Here we go round the mulberry bush”. But there aren't such things as **nuts** in **May!** The lyrics are probably a corruption of “knots of may”, referring to the blossom of the common hawthorn. Our landscape in May is each year clothed in swathes of white blossoms: from a distance you could mistakenly imagine snow had fallen. But against the lovely fresh foliage of the hawthorn bushes and the verdant grassy meadows around, nature has most certainly shown that, even after the longest and coldest of winters, the world can and does spring back into life.



When we first came to live in this beautiful corner of England, I was told by a wise old farmer (farmers are always wise, aren't they?) that Westmorland is the best place in the world to be during the month of May. Or does my memory deceive me? Did he say instead that in Westmorland, May is the best month of the year? It matters not which he might have said, because I suspect that both statements are true anyway.

Life abounds wherever we look! Apart from the hawthorn and the grass, plants and trees' buds burst forth and display their new growth – the buds and the new leaves displaying the entire colour-palette of nature! Each leaf is new, delicate, undamaged and perfect!



Every year, sooner or later, spring arrives and – for a while at least – everything is unblemished. Even if the leaves and flowers are not too much battered by wind and weather, nor ravaged by insect or animal predation, inevitably time will take its toll and by next autumn the leaves will shrivel and die.

There is, of course, a hidden message – an allegory of sorts – with our own lives here. We set off on life's journey full of hopes and ideals, but soon enough reality bites and we come to accept that we are not perfect, we shall not achieve all our hopes and ambitions.

Am I suggesting that life is pointless, hopeless, not worth the effort? Of course not! Faith is there to keep our spirits up, despite failures, disappointments, or whatever. We have to accept that we cannot, as humans, achieve perfection, for that is for God and God alone.

Yet we continue to try!

*John Lomax*

Of course, Beetham **does** go nuts in May! We duckorate the village in all sorts of fantastical ways and we all go down to Ellers Meadow to watch the ducks vying for position in the annual grand duck race.

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May – be there!**

Lor' – love a duck!




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### Church Services at Beetham in May

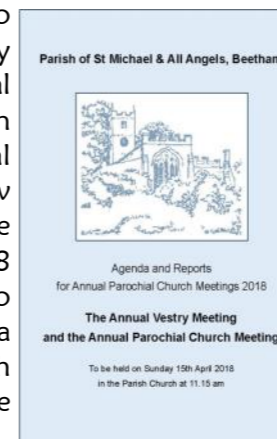
Date	Time	Service
Wed 2nd May	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 4th May	9am	School Assembly
Sun 6th May 6th of Easter	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Wed 9th May	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 11th May	9am	School Assembly
Sun 13th May 7th of Easter	10am	Parish Eucharist and Confirmation
	6pm	No Evensong
Wed 16th May	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 18th May	9am	School Assembly
Sun 20th May Whitsunday	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Wed 23rd May	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 25th May	9am	School Assembly
Sun 27th May Trinity Sunday	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong

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

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

### Annual Church Meetings

Thank you to everyone who  
attended the Annual Vestry  
Meeting and Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting in church on  
Sunday 15th April. The Annual  
Report and Accounts are now  
available on the website on the  
About Us / Annual Reports 2018  
webpage. Please do take time to  
download and read them as a  
reminder of just how much  
activity is constantly taking place  
in church and behind the scenes!



### Funeral

Our prayers and condolences are  
with the family of  
**Margaret Long**  
Tuesday 24th April



### Baptism

**Norma Morris**  
was baptised on Easter Day  
Sunday 1st April

We welcome her into Beetham Church



### Confirmation

During the Sunday Eucharist on 13th May there will  
be a service of Confirmation for Bethan and Thea  
Handy, Norma Morris, and Katharine Parrott-Edwards  
and James Edwards. The Confirmation will be  
performed by Bishop Cyril Ashton  
Please note there will be no Evensong on that day

### URGENT ~ DATA PRIVACY REMINDER

A reminder that the new General Data Protection Regulation  
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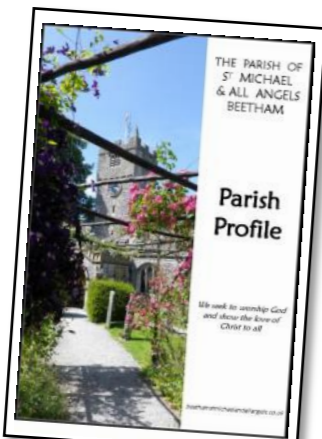
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**Beetham House-for-Duty Priest**

Following a meeting with our Archdeacon, The Ven Vernon Ross, we are delighted to confirm that the next steps in the process of appointing a new House-for-Duty Priest for Beetham have been agreed

Our Parish Profile has now been completed, detailing our parish, worship, outreach, and future plans. This will accompany the job advert during May, with the aim of inviting candidates to interview in June

The full Profile document will be available on our church website soon



**Dallam Tower Open Garden**

**ngs gardens open for charity** 2pm, Sunday 13th May

By kind invitation of Susie & Rupert Villiers-Smith, the Church Plant Stall will again be at the National Gardens Scheme Open Day at Dallam Tower.

Come and stock up your garden with a wide selection of colourful annual bedding plants and herbaceous perennials (and maybe a few 'pot luck' plants too), all in the lovely setting of the Dallam Tower gardens



**Jane Irwin & Friends**

On Saturday 21st April Beetham Church rafters were once again raised by the incredible voice of Jane Irwin. This year Jane was joined by her brother, Russell Irwin, her sister-in-law Lindsay Benson Irwin, and their family friend, Robert Richmond

The wonderful programme moved seamlessly and light-heartedly between opera and classical composers such as Debussy, through to Ivor Novello - and Ivor the Engine! All four performers proved to be multi-talented. Lindsay played the flute and the penny whistle, as well as a beautiful singing voice (including a fun and powerful rendition of Rossini's Cat Duet with Jane). Russell played the bassoon and also duetted with Jane. Rob showed his versatility as a pianist, playing everything from virtuoso classics to jazz. To complete the most amazing evening, the audience were delighted to see Tess Rowlands invited to join the group to sing 'You'll Never Walk Alone'

The evening raised an incredible £520 for the church and our thanks go to Jane, Lindsay, Russell and Rob for their time, talents, and humour!



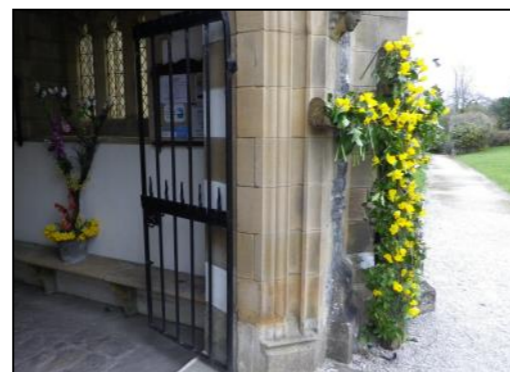
**Beetham Goes Quackers on Saturday 5th May at 11am Annual Duck Race on the River Bela**

Win a cash prize of £100, or one of the many prizes donated by our local businesses. Tickets available from Friends of Beetham Church, or John Lomax on 015395 62648



Kendal Deanery  
**Ascension Day Service**  
will be held this year at  
St John's Church, Levens  
on  
Thursday 10th May  
All are welcome to attend

**Easter Week**



Thank you to everyone that helped in any way during Easter Week to make our church look so beautiful and welcoming to visitors. On Easter Sunday, Sandy's Cross was again decorated with daffodils as people left the Morning Service, and flower displays filled the inside of the church

Particular thanks go to Canon David Peacock and the Revd Geoff Turner for leading such poignant services every day during Holy Week and reminding us all of the significance of Easter in our Christian lives

**Beetham Village Coffee Morning**  
Wednesday  
2nd May  
in the Church

Pop in for delicious homemade cakes, coffee and chat  
There is no charge and all are welcome



**Beetham Church Flower Festival 2018**

Saturday 26th May, 10am-5pm,  
Sunday 27th May, 11am-6pm, and Monday 28th May, 10am-4pm

Our theme for the May Bank Holiday Church Flower Festival Weekend this year will be in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Beetham WI. Entrance is free all weekend, and the church will be full of displays with each flower arranger making their own interpretation of the theme.

There will be an accompanying exhibition researched and created by members of the WI to mark the 100 years of the WI in Beetham and what was happening in the area throughout this period. It will provide a fascinating view of the changes that have happened between 1918 and 2018, and stewards will be on hand to talk about the exhibition and the church

Refreshments will be available all weekend. There will also be informal live music during all three days of the Festival, from the Beetham Community Band, Beetham Handbellringers, and many talented musicians from the congregation and parish. Anyone is welcome to join in

This promises to be a very special event amidst all the lovely flower displays, so do come and join us



# School Corner

We are now enjoying our Summer Term and using the teaching spaces outside whenever it is warm enough. At the moment we are involved in taking part in the 'Big Pedal' which is a Sustrans competition to encourage young people to cycle or scoot to school. We have been very successful in this competition in recent years and are standing at 1<sup>st</sup> in Cumbria after Day 3. We will hopefully have good news about our results in the June edition!

Continuing with a cycling theme, the children in Yr 4 have taken their Bikeability Level 1 training and test. This involved them being able to start and stop safely, signal carefully and develop confidence in bike control. The children had a great time during the training and all received their Level 1 award.

We are very grateful to the charity 'Hand on Heart' for providing a defibrillator for our school. In addition they also provided first aid training, including CPR for all the children in KS2. This is such an important skill to have and the children are now really confident in how to deal with this type of emergency. All the staff were also trained in how to use the defibrillator which is situated inside the school entrance, should anyone ever need to use it during school hours. As a thank you to the charity we held a 'Wear Red' day and had a Red Tombola which raised £100 and will go towards providing a defibrillator in another school.

As part of the scientific study of light in KS2, children worked in groups to design and make a shadow puppet theatre show. These were then performed for the whole school with the help of a torch. As you can see from the photographs the children had a lot of fun whilst they were learning and greatly enjoyed putting on their puppet performance.

Children in KS1 are looking forward to a visit from a local vet, following on from their topic about 'pets' last term - photos and report in the next edition.

Best wishes  
Wendy Nicholas



## News from Beetham WI

### Centenary Celebrations and Flower Festival!

On 17th April, Beetham WI hosted Pat Tulip, National Federation of WI's Vice-President, to inspire us, and invited WI's, to hear about "Opportunities For All". It was a very interesting evening and I can report that the standard of Beetham tray bakes is excellent and well commented upon! Over 50 women singing Jerusalem was certainly inspiring and I thank everyone involved in the preparation and washing up!!



The "Centenary Birthday Buzz" is here and our next focus will be the annual Beetham Flower Festival. Please do come and see our exhibition of "The WI in Beetham over the Past 100 Years", as it has been extremely interesting researching our ancestry and learning about the relationship between the WI and the village.

Hopefully see you over the Spring Bank Holiday  
Sarah Easton, WI President



For those of you that live in Beetham Village, don't forget to get your duckreations ready. There will be prizes again for the best displays, so please put them out early on Saturday 5th May for the judges to see them. You can be as Quackers as you like!

## Bygone Beetham ~ Rogation Sunday



Rogation Sunday celebrates 'the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food'. Rogation Days - the three days before Ascension Day - were a period of fasting, and blessing of farmers and their crops. This was commonly done by 'beating the bounds', where parishioners were led by the minister and churchwardens around the parish boundary, stopping at various points along the route for prayers

This was a regular feature in Beetham village for many years, although not often around the roughly 20 mile circuit of the full parish boundary! These interesting pictures show the Revd Alexander MacLeod Murray leading the village boundary walk in the 1940s, with two of the blessings being given at Parsonage Farm and by the river near the Mill



Rogation Sunday this year is on 6th May

## Beetham's Big Duck Day on Saturday 5th May

With lots of refreshments, ducky stalls and activities at the school after the Duck Races



## St. MATTHEW PASSION

Sunday May 13th 2018 at 7:00 pm

Conductor - Ian Jones

Orchestra leaders Wendy Cann & Pam Redman

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Tchaikovsky ~ Nutcracker (selection)

Sousa ~ Liberty Bell

Greig ~ Peer Gynt

Bizet ~ Farandole (L'Arlesienne)

Mascagni ~ Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana

Strauss ~ Blue Danube Waltz

Elgar ~ Pomp & Circumstance No 1

Tickets from [www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk](http://www.westmorlandorchestra.org.uk) or 01524 412837

## Heron Corn Mill ~ National Mills Weekend

### Victorian Fun & Games

Saturday 12th May 11am-4pm; FREE entry  
Iron Shepherds Living History join us for an outdoor fun day to show how the Victorians entertained themselves! Explore a variety of traditional games and toys, and learn how the lower classes made fun from very little.



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## BEETHAM PROBUS CLUB

for residents of Beetham, Burton in Kendal, Heversham and Milnthorpe. Probus is an association of retired professional and business persons in localised clubs throughout the world and meets for lunch on the first Thursday of every month, 12.00 for 12.30 at the Villa Hotel, Levens

**3 May ~ David MacInnes will talk on his Air Force career**

Please contact David Craig on 015395 64449



## Beetham Community Band - every Saturday from 10.30am in the Church

The Band is still growing, and we are practicing to play live at the Flower Festival in Church. From a War Songs medley to The Sound of Music, and classic film themes such as Harry Potter, Chicago, the Pink Panther and the Magnificent Seven we have plenty of music for anyone who has always wanted to play a musical instrument—we even have some instruments to spare if

you do not have one of your own!

Contact Tess on 015395 63254

or just bring your musical instrument along and have some fun!



## BEETHAM EXHIBITION TRUST

Registered Charity Number 526949

### Educational grants for year 6 primary school pupils

Beetham Exhibition Trust is a local charity which has provided educational grants for over 100 years. Grants are available for year 6 pupils who are due to commence state secondary education in September 2018. (In exceptional cases the trustees may award grants to pupils entering independent secondary education.)

To qualify for the grant the pupils' parents must live in the civil parish of Arnside or Beetham (including Farleton, Haverbrack and Whassett) and the pupil must have attended a state primary school for the last 3 years. All children who qualify have an equal right to the grant.

The grant is a single payment, usually made in August, which can be used for any educational purpose.

Applications can only be accepted on a completed form which can be obtained from the clerk (see below) and will also be available through local primary schools in June.

**The trustees will consider all applications received before the closing date of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

For further information please contact:  
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### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### "A Day of Encouragement"

with

Bishop James Newcome

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm  
at Arkholme Village Hall

More details in June Gateway

## Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on

Monday 14th May

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)

## Christian Aid Week

Please note that there will not be a doorstep collection around Beetham parish during Christian Aid Week this year, but envelopes are available in church



The collection will be made in church on Sunday 13th May and added to the £160 already raised at the Lent Soup Lunch. If you would like any further information please contact one of the churchwardens or Anne Clarke



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  
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10.30am see website for details  
[arnsidemethodistchurch.org.uk](http://arnsidemethodistchurch.org.uk)

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3.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month  
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