

St Michael & All Angels, Beetham

Service of Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Beetham Cenotaph
at 9.45am



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October Programme

Sunday 1st October Matinee 2.30pm
String Quartet Recital Royal Northern College of Music

Friday 6th October 7.30pm
FILM AT THE HERON
The Other Side of Hope (2017) [12A] - 1 hour 40 mins
Poignant comedy of a young Syrian asylum seeker arriving in Helsinki by accident, who hands himself in and brings a smile. *Finnish subtitled*

Friday 13th October 7.30pm
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Tuesday 19th to Saturday 21st October 7.30pm
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Tuesday 24th October 7.30pm
Film Extra
A Pigeon Sat on a Branch... (2014) [12A] - 1 hour 40 mins
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ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM

OCTOBER 2017



Dear Friends,

Once upon a time there were Tics who lived on the moon. They were very intelligent and civilised and looked rather similar to human beings. Most of them were green in colour but a fair number of them were red. They had large centres of industry, cities, rivers, fields, and seas just as we do. By and large they were a contented people who got on with the business of living.

There were some Tics, however, who kept on writing to the papers about the danger of pumping more and more polluted smoke into the atmosphere, declaring that, if this went on much longer, the atmosphere would become poisoned and life would cease.

Those who read the papers shrugged their shoulders and said, 'How awful! But what can we do about it?'

There were other Tics called Scientics who from time to time appeared on the television and spoke at length about farmers who used poisonous sprays on the land in order to produce better crops. These sprays soaked into the ground, and when it rained were washed into nearby brooks, killing all the life in streams and rivers and destroying the balance of nature. Those Tics who listened became so depressed that they switched over to another channel to something more cheering. Anyway most of them lived in towns and cities. What could they do to influence those who lived in the country?

Occasionally there were Moon Conferences attended by delegates from different countries, to consider the pollution of the seas. After each conference each government was gravely warned that unless alternative methods of sewage disposal were employed, the seas would die, and one of the major sources of oxygen would cease production. Tics all over the moon listened to these warnings and left it to the government to deal with. 'What,' they asked themselves, 'can an individual do to tackle such a moon-wide problem?'

Then there was the colour question. In certain countries the green Tics resented the presence of a red Tic minority. In other countries the red Tics resented the green Tic minority. A tiny number of Tics organized protest marches and demonstrations to highlight this colour problem, but the vast majority of Tics looked upon these marchers and demonstrators as a lot of Fanatics, and ignored their warnings about an ever deteriorating situation.

As we know, the moon today is dead. There is absolutely no evidence of life at all. These Tics were clearly the original Lunatics.

Stories are very powerful: ancient myths and legends, sagas, heroic poems, fairy tales, fables, parables. The power of stories does not depend on the literal truth of their details. In many cases stories are not literally true at all, though they contain valuable truth and wisdom of a deeper sort.

Jesus was well aware of the power of stories, and that is why he taught in parables so often. He drew on the experience of daily life to teach about human relationships and about our relationship with God and his creation. The story of the Lunatics is a modern parable and it reminds us of some important issues as we come once again to the Harvest Festival season.

If we lived on the moon, as members of the Church we would be Ecclesiastics. We would be entertained at our Harvest Supper by the Dramatics. Those who lived in the far north would be Arctics, and those in the far south Antartics. Don't be confused between Arctics and those flexible beings known as Artics, or you are certain to be corrected by the Pedantics.

Geoff Turner

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Church Services at Beetham in October

Date	Time	Service
Sun 1st Oct <i>Harvest Festival</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Wed 4th Oct	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 6th Oct	9.15am	School Harvest in church
Sun 8th Oct <i>17th after Trinity</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Wed 11th Oct	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 13th Oct	9am	School Assembly
Sun 15th Oct <i>Friends Sunday</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Wed 18th Oct	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 20th Oct	9am	School Assembly
Sun 22nd Oct <i>19th after Trinity</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Wed 25th Oct	9.30am	*Communion by Extension
Fri 26th Oct	9am	School Assembly
Sun 29th Oct <i>Bible Sunday</i>	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Evensong
Wednesday morning services marked * are Public Worship with Communion by Extension		
<i>Please check Church noticeboards or beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk for any changes</i>		

Friends Sunday
15th October 2017
We welcome Revd Canon Colin Hill to lead our Friends Parish Eucharist at 10am
This will be followed by the Friends of Beetham Church AGM in church, then the Friends Annual Lunch in The Wheatsheaf
Friends Membership is £100 for Life membership, £150 for joint Life members, or Annual subscription of £10, Please see the Heritage Trust page of the website at beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk for details

Baptism
Zara Kate White,
daughter for Adam & Katy,
was baptised on Sunday 9th July
We welcome her into Beetham Church

Baptism
Mabel Rose Fishwick Cook,
daughter for Artie & Kate,
was baptised on Sunday 9th July
We welcome her into Beetham Church

Service of Welcome
Ivy Elizabeth Scarisbrick,
daughter for Michael & Samantha,
was welcomed into Beetham Church
at a Service of Thanksgiving
on Sunday 17th September

Funeral
Our prayers and condolences are
with the family of
Colin Ogden Beale
Thursday 28th September

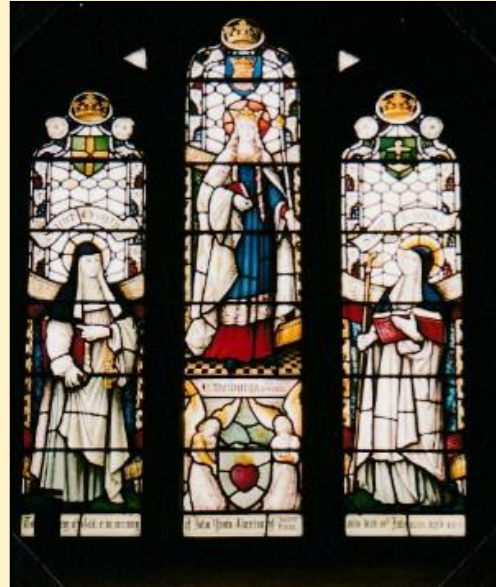
Beetham CE School Foundation Governors
The church continues to have a strong link with the school and we are delighted to welcome Sarah Easton, Dennis Wright and Rachel Wray as new Foundation Governors this year. John Lomax, Brian Smalley, Viv Stirrup and Jenny Marks are also all continuing as Foundation Governors, with responsibility for preserving and developing the religious character of the school. We also give thanks for the many other active church members who volunteer with reading, after-school clubs, assembly, and special events, helping our schoolchildren to enjoy such a happy time in their learning

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Beetham Church - Who Were They?

There is evidence that Beetham Parish Church was established in Saxon times, and there has been a long-held view that it may have been dedicated to Saint Lioba, a cousin of Saint Boniface, at that time.

In this first of a series of heritage articles looking at the people celebrated in our window and memorial inscriptions in the church, it seems appropriate to start with the earliest name recorded



Lioba was born in the Kingdom of Wessex about 710 AD and was educated at the Benedictine convents of Minster on the Isle of Thanet and at Wimborne in Dorset, where she became director of the novices

She was still a comparatively young nun when she was asked by Boniface to join him in his missionary work of bringing Christianity to the Low Countries and to Germany. The Emperor Charlemagne gave them strong support, and Lioba and Hildegard, Charlemagne's Queen, became great friends. Lioba died in 780 AD and was buried beside Boniface in Fulda Cathedral

This stained glass window in the north west corner of Beetham Church depicts St Lioba, (on the right) alongside St Ethelburga and St Osyth

The festival of Saint Lioba is celebrated at the end of September, one day before the feast day of St Michael and All Angels, to whom Beetham Parish Church was dedicated after the Norman Conquest. This closeness of feast day dates led to a questioning of whether the dedication to St Lioba ever existed. There only appears to have been a single historical reference to Lioba, leading Frances Arnold-Forster to state in his 'Studies in Church Dedications ~ Volume 2', published in 1899:-

"The only authority for associating it with the name of S. Lioba is a certain early eighteenth-century antiquarian, Machell by name, who, without giving any grounds for his statement, says in his account of Beetham: "The church is dedicated to S. Lioba or Liobgytha". This is very unsatisfactory, but it is difficult to believe that Mr. Machell had not some reason for the assertion. If there were no historic connexion, what should have suggested the introduction of this little-known Wessex abbess into a far-away region with which she can have had no natural concern? The suggestion, if entirely baseless, is almost as difficult to account for as the reality could be. We look in vain for any light on the matter from the date of the village feast, for whereas S. Michael's Day is September 29, S. Lioba's is September 28; a confusion between two days so near to one another would inevitably arise, and, equally inevitably, the less-known feast-day would be merged in the better-known."

On Whit Sunday 1982 a shrine containing the statue of Saint Lioba, and situated opposite Rock Cottage, Beetham, was blessed in the presence of many parishioners. The statue shows Lioba dressed in the habit of a Benedictine nun; the bell in her right hand is a reminder of a dream of her mother, who heard it ringing when she learnt she was to give birth to Lioba

*Statue: E Carrara & Sons (Liverpool)
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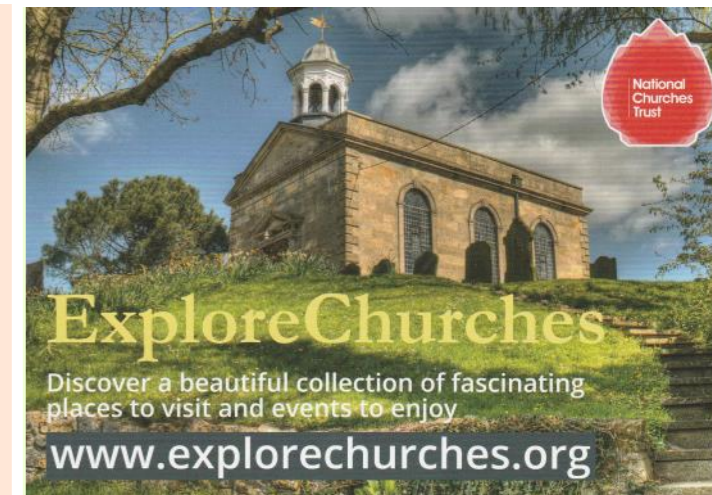
What a strange year for the blackberries:
all four seasons on a single stem,
flowers fresh as they were in spring
delicate white petals, tissue paper thin;
by their side shrivelled berries, dry as dust,
the rest somewhere in-between:
a few wine-dark full bosomed matrons
with youngsters of crab apple green.

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The Beetham Swingers

The Beetham Ringers, The Beetham Singers, and now **The Beetham Swingers!** Yes, formed just two weeks ago, this little acorn of a band is already making music

Every Saturday morning in the church from 10am we get together. Our aim is to enjoy ourselves. Strictly no stress allowed. Like the church, our doors are always open. No auditions or entry level required. If you can get your instrument out of its box, you are in! So come along and see just what we are about. Beetham Swingers ~ you know you want to!



St Michael & All Angels is now on the new National Churches Trust website, explorechurches.org. If you 'Search' for Beetham or LA7 7AL it will show the church on a map—click on this and it will take you through to our pages

Church tourism is a growing trend and will become increasingly important in extending our welcome to new visitors, so we are delighted to be included on this exciting website at such an early stage

The site is still evolving, so not all the facilities work yet, but please take a look and provide feedback or ideas for making the most of our entry to Brian Smalley (b.e.smalley@btinternet.com) whilst they are still in the development phase

**Friday
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**Sept - Nov
2017**

**KENDAL PARISH CHURCH
12.30 pm - 1.15 pm**

- Sept 15 Ian Hare
- Sept 29 Charles Edmondson
- Oct 13 Geoffrey Field
- Oct 27 Karen Au
- Nov 10 Andy Plowman
- Nov 24 David Brindle

*Admission free. Coffee and biscuits available.
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School

Corner



Our new school year has got off to a great start for everyone. We have 4 new children in Reception and 4 in nursery which is really exciting. The children have been enjoying playing in our new outdoor area and making full use of the 'Mud Kitchen'.

The whole school enjoyed a fantastic day at the County Show. The sun shone and the children really enjoyed seeing all the beautiful animals, trying out different activities and visiting all the stands. We had a display of our work in the 'Learning for Life' tent and enjoyed seeing work from lots of other schools in our area.

Our school council has now been elected and they have taken part in their first training session. They decided what makes a good school councillor, learnt some meeting skills and started discussing their priorities for this year.

Our Christian value for this half term is Friendship and we spent a lovely morning thinking about the qualities of a good friend and finding out about Jesus' friends in the Bible.

As part of our preparation for Harvest, KS2 enjoyed using salt dough to make some Harvest Bread - this is now on display in the back of the church. Our Harvest Service takes place on Friday 6th October at 9.15am and members of the church and village community are very welcome to join us. We will be collecting gifts for Manna House, the homeless shelter in Kendal.

Best wishes
Wendy Nicholas



Exciting Beetham WI News

We won at the County Show!!!! Wendy Higson won the Gladstone Trophy for gaining the most points gained for craft items by an individual and Beetham WI won the Golden Jubilee Plaque for the institute gaining the highest average number of craft points.

The standard of entry was extremely high; well done and a big "thank you" to everyone who entered.



Our September meeting was a fun evening with Caren Threlfall.

We had a try at silk printing... which is more difficult than it looks!

Please note that the meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd October is in M:Hub, not the theatre. This is because our speaker Stewart Lambert will be talking about All Aspects of Farming and bringing samples to taste.....

Everyone is invited to the Kitty Brown Fashion Show, with wine and nibbles, at 7pm on Tuesday 10th October in the Heron Theatre. Tickets are £8 on the door and we look forward to seeing you there.

Sarah Easton, WI President



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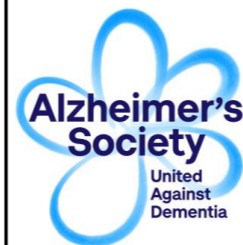


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For more information please contact: Maria Day, Dementia Support Worker at the Alzheimers Society on 01539 742631 or email: kendaloffice@alzheimers.org.uk

This is not a drop-in session, please contact us to book a place

Storth and District Gardening Association

is organizing a talk by **Yvonne Hutton**
"Organic Vegetable Growing"



Wednesday 4th October, 7.30pm
in Storth Village Church

Admission is £2 including refreshments. All welcome

Art Trail Autumn



Arnside Educational Institute and Pier Lane Gallery

Friday 27th October 6-8pm
Saturday 28th October and Sunday 29th October 10:30 - 4:30

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invites you to a 'Come and Sing' day

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in Cartmel Priory

Saturday 21st October 2017
 from 2pm to 9.30pm

with Ian Jones and Adrian Self

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QUEST

A friendly group, we meet to hear talks, often with slides, in The Athenaeum, Leasgill at 10am. All are Welcome!

October 12th ~ Diana Matthews
'Windermere's Shore Villas'

October 26th ~ George Crossman
'Royalty Escort & Blue Light Driving'

Contact John Whitehead 015395 62101
 johnwhitehead@quikmail.co.uk

Things tend to become quieter in the summer months and, of course, the Parish Council does not meet in August – when many residents and members are away on holiday.

The BPC map board project is progressing well, albeit slowly in view of the amount of detail to be considered and space limitations of the board itself. Thanks must go to Arnside & Silverdale AONB for providing invaluable advice and facilities. The boards are expected to be installed well before the 2018 summer season. The Slackhead signpost is also nearing completion and will in due course become an attractive historical asset at the Slackhead junction.

The defibrillator project for Beetham village remains ongoing. The Stanley Street phone box is no longer the preferred location due to the prospect of continuing maintenance costs and Beetham School premises have been rejected by the local First Responders as being too far from the village centre. Hope now rests on Beetham PCC agreeing to the equipment being sited in the church porch. We will report on this as soon as a decision is forthcoming, when we can turn our attention to sourcing the equipment.

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) will be on offer of loan to Beetham parish from October 2017, but there have been technical/upkeep problems with this shared equipment, leading to a decline of interest by the other parties involved. Another factor is the increasing preference for the more sophisticated 'smiley' type devices in a number of neighbouring parishes, which appear to be more effective in controlling traffic speeds. These devices are not available on loan and are comparatively expensive to buy – but may be justified if they ultimately save lives.

There have been some developments of the Beetham village 'ghost' footpath. As a result of road resurfacing, the path lines were temporarily obscured. When they were eventually repainted, additional lines were added on the other side of the road in an effort to visibly decrease the width of the road for traffic and increase the space available to pedestrians. Moreover, the former 'SLOW' and '20 mph' road markings were not reinstated. These changes have not been to everyone's satisfaction and the situation is once more under review.

The publication of the SLDC/AONB Development Plan Document (DPD) raised concerns amongst members of the public until it was explained that its purpose was to give all interested parties the opportunity to see in advance suggested use proposals by landowners and developers. This was the start of a lengthy process which would include a public consultation.

Another, more recent, matter of concern has been a proposal by the NW Coastal Access Delivery Team for a gap in the coastal path between Arnside and Grange, so bypassing our parish altogether. Recent groundwork between Sandside Cutting and the Ship Inn had the object of improving drainage in that area – we shall see!

Finally – a reminder of the availability of grants from Beetham PC to support selected local projects. Applications for 2017/18 to be submitted by February 2018.

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

Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on
Monday 2nd October
at 7pm
in **Storth Village Church**

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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



ARNSIDE ST JAMES

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion
10.30am: Morning Worship, usually with Communion
2nd Sunday: All-age Worship
4.30pm: 2nd Sunday Celtic Communion
Info: arnsidechurch.webplus.net Revd David Cooper 01524 761319

BEETHAM ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

10.00am: Parish Communion
6.00pm: Sung Evensong
Info: beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

HEVERSHAM ST PETER

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

LEVENS ST JOHN

10.00am: Parish Communion:
3rd Sun: All-age worship; 5th Sun: United service at Heversham
Info: levens.org.uk

MILNTHORPE ST THOMAS

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays
11.00am: Main Services 1st, 2nd and 3rd: CW Communion
4th Sunday: Morning Praise
5th Sunday: United service at Heversham
11.00am: every week Sunday Circle for children
Info via: 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

MILNTHORPE
3.00pm 2nd & 4th Sunday of month
at Methodists in Milnthorpe, M:Hub,
Beetham Road

LEVENS
10.30am levens.org.uk
Info: Revd David Stretton
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ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

ARNSIDE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
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