



### Revd Hannah's Ordination to the Priesthood

In a day of joy, worship, music, and sunshine the Revd Hannah Wallace was ordained to the priesthood by the Bishop of Penrith The Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh at the church of St James Arnside on Sunday 2nd July. Co-ordinated by Revd Andrew, the church was filled with the congregations of all the churches across the Kent Estuary Mission Community, to support Hannah and her family in such a poignant and significant step in their lives. The sunflowers that adorned the church and refreshments after the service were jointly arranged by Beetham and Arnside. The glorious music during the service was specially chosen by Hannah and led by music director Geoffrey Field, with a combined choir from across the Mission Community coming together for what is hoped to be the first of many occasions. We wish Hannah every faith and happiness in her new role



### Beetham & Hale Village Sports 2023

The traditional village Sports Day was held on Saturday 29th July, accompanied by a lively wind to keep all the stallholders on their toes! The event was opened by the Revd Andrew Norman, followed by the judging of the Fancy Dress Competition. As always we were entertained by Paul Lusted as the compere with his inimitable sense of humour, and the volunteers did a sterling job of stewarding the races. Cumberland & Westmorland wrestling drew enthusiastic support, and there were a record number of entries for the Fell Run. Beetham Community Band played throughout the afternoon, and the Friends of Beetham Church Sweet Tombola and Bookstall raised over £180 for the church. Our thanks go to the Beetham Sports Committee for their tireless organisation of yet another successful event, and for their generous fundraising for local causes. The stallholders survived until nearly the end, when the refreshments tent blew over, saving the job of taking it down...



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### Decluttering

Decluttering was the order of the day when a willing work party gathered in church at the end of July. The purpose was to remove everything that had been stored under pews and tables and in rickety cabinets and cupboards that had not seen the light of day for many years, in order to prepare for the reordering of the church

But what is decluttering? The first recorded use of the word clutter was in the 1500s when it meant a 'clotted mass', referring to a disorderly heap. The earliest reference to de-clutter, literally meaning 'the removal of clutter', was not until the 1940s. At this time it had a military association, where clutter referred to superfluous images on a radar screen and de-cluttering became the act of removing these images electronically. This idea of cleansing soon transferred to our homes in the 1950s and 60s, when it became fashionable to keep a clean and tidy house with most of our possessions stored out of sight

Nowadays there are plenty of YouTube videos about decluttering and books advising you how to simplify your material belongings. The TV show 'Sort Your Life Out' lays out the entire contents of someone's house and restricts how much can go back into their home. It has become the vogue for people selling their homes to be encouraged to declutter in order to make the property look more attractive and convince potential buyers that there is plenty of storage space. The term has even evolved to apply to decluttering your mind, improving mental health by simplifying your lifestyle and reducing the stress of modern-day multitasking and the instant demands of social media and technology

All of these concepts can seem daunting in reality - we all find it difficult to part with long-held items or change lifestyle habits, and the idea of trying to declutter everything in one go can sometimes prevent us even making a start. However, it is worth remembering that physical decluttering does not necessarily mean throwing away. It is about re-evaluating each item and deciding whether to keep it in its existing form, whether it can be repurposed for us to find a new use for ourselves, or whether someone else can use it by selling or giving away. Then if the answer to all of these is No we can consider recycling, and only as a last resort make the decision to throw it away. Take a look in one of your cupboards and try deciding which of these applies to everything you find in the there. You might be surprised at the result (and there may be long lost items that bring back happy memories or hidden treasure!), but if you find items that you no longer use please consider passing them on - particularly to the many charities that can help other people benefit from the things that you once cherished

Decluttering works just as well being done step-by-step as it does on the larger scale of everything at once. The latter certainly worked at church and careful decisions were made about every item, finding new homes for articles no longer needed wherever possible. However, those of us that have been temporarily storing church items whilst the reordering is being carried out are looking forward to decluttering our own houses again! Enjoy the results of your Autumn tidying...

Jenny Marks





# Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter after returning from serving as a Bishop’s Adviser on a Discernment Panel for those offering themselves for ministry within the Church of England as potential priests. The highlight of the whole process was the chance to meet some remarkable people who, sensing God’s call upon their lives, are prepared to step out into a new chapter and season of life. All of them already doing valuable work in various ways and in different walks of life, yet all equally feeling that there is something more for them to explore. All at different ages and stages, from varying backgrounds and circumstances, yet all excited about taking a leap of faith and seeing where it might lead.

Although not all of us will be prompted to thinking about offering ourselves for ministry within the Church (though please do come and speak to me if you do!), we will all have all felt - at some time or another - a sense of knowing when was the right (or wrong) time to make a particular decision. Indeed, the routine and habit of daily life is that we make decisions, though not all ones of huge importance, each and every day. In how we interact with others, in how we elect to spend our time, in what or who we choose to make our priorities. Moreover, our freedom and ability to make those choices is, quite rightly, a precious gift, which lamentably for far too many across the world remains a liberty that is at best obstructed and at worst denied.

I ponder all this having learnt, for the first time, about the story of Franz Jägerstätter. A twentieth century Austrian farmer, remembered for his brave decision, during the years of the Second World War, to conscientiously object, from taking up arms as demanded by the Nazi government of the Third Reich. Despite repeated attempts to conscript Franz into military service, and whilst knowing the consequences of such actions for his own welfare and safety, he remained resolute. A decision that led to him being accused of ‘undermining military morale’ before being sentenced to death aged thirty-six in July 1943. Immediately before his execution Franz was given the option of signing a document to save his life; yet abjuring any complicity with the Nazi regime, he declined.

Initially maligned and criticised for failing in his duties to his country, and in his responsibilities as a husband and father. In more recent years Franz’s act of defiant courage in the face of overwhelming evil, as motivated by his deeply held Christian faith, has rightly been acknowledged and celebrated. And with the benefit of historical hindsight, we can recognise and esteem the quiet bravery of his decision and his choice not to align himself with the forces of tyranny and oppression; but to take a stand for that which he knew and believed to be right.

On the night before his death, Franz wrote this: ‘neither prison nor chains nor sentence of death can rob a man of faith and his free will’. At the end of all things Franz placed his trust in God and knew him to be faithful, even when faced with the loss of everything he held dear. Believing - in the words of the prayer - that only in God’s service can be found ‘our perfect freedom’. This freedom, our ability to make choices sometimes for ill but hopefully more often for the good, is the free will which God gives to us. As those whom he has created, loves, and called into relationship. A gift which is offered so that through lives of love, faith, and service we might know God’s presence and through our lives might be means of his blessing in the world, in the various ways in which we might be able to make a difference.

The Old Testament book of Proverbs (3.5-6) gives us an indication of how we might do this, a good promise and encouragement for us all to remember as we look out to this new month:

*‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.’*

As ever,

Andrew



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Sunday 24th September, 6pm

Beetham Church Choir

Organist Geoffrey Field

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Baptism

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Saturday 15th July

We welcome him into our Beetham Church family

Wedding

The marriage of

Brittany Wiseman & Martin Hogarth

took place on Saturday 29th July

We wish the happy couple Faith, Hope & Love in their future lives together

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5 sessions to encourage a deeper faith in Christ, helping us to grow in discipleship

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September 12th // 19th

October 3rd // 10th // 17th

7pm - 8:30pm

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Please do be in touch with Andrew you would like to receive the parish email, if there is any support or encouragement he can offer, if you would have any questions about services church life or the Christian faith, or if you would like anyone or anything remembered in prayer. He would be very pleased to hear from you.



## Church Reordering Update

During the week the church continues to look like something out of Great Expectations, but as The Gateway goes to print Phase 1 of the church reordering is nearing completion. New flags have been laid in the areas cleared at the back of the church and the back

pews are being turned round to create seating in this area. Pews have been removed under the watchful eye of archaeologist Dan Elsworth, and we are grateful to Rupert and Susie Villiers-Smith for transporting and temporarily storing the surplus pews. Phase 2 flags have also been started at the front of the nave and new foundations laid in the side chancel spaces. Historic floor memorial stones have been revealed that were previously hidden by the pews. Heartwood Bespoke Joinery has completed the new organ/choir screen made out of reused pews and the storage units are in progress at their workshop.

However, this project is not just about reordering and the opportunity has also been taken to repair items identified in the Quinquennial report. After many years of gathering dust in a corner we are delighted that the Victorian font cover has been restored and securely rehung above the font by Mortimer Fabrications. The long-broken Tower door window and missing leaded lights in the vestry window have been expertly replaced, and the redundant 20 year old sound system wiring has been removed. The poor plaster and paintwork on the west wall is being made good, although other damaged walls in the church that deteriorated during covid will be left until the essential external repairs have been completed.

We are indebted to Elizabeth Rocke for her continuing success in grant applications, and to add to the



£9k from the Benefact Trust we are delighted to have been offered £10k from the Garfield Weston Foundation as well as a number of other grants and local donations. Our thanks go to everyone for your generosity and patience as the work continues.



'Oh it's a long, long while from May to December  
But the days grow short when you reach September  
when the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame  
one hasn't got time for the waiting game...'

Ella Fitzgerald, *September Song*

Thank you Ella for your sublime reminder to get on with things as we are now in September on the cusp of my favourite season. The season that inspires poets and song writers, artists and even make-up companies to produce our 'autumn look' that reflects the subtle changes.

It has been a very busy summer here in Beetham and our little band has been out and about. If you recall, our last 'gig' was Beetham Sports Day, where the weather was actually more autumnal than today's still and sunny scene. The rain managed to keep to a bare minimum, for which we were all grateful, but the wind certainly made up for it! As musicians, this is where we get very inventive with magnets and clothes pegs to prevent our music from performing their own form of gymnastics, which in turn causes us to contort in order to keep it all together. Seamless we were, not a hint of chaos whatsoever... But it all added to the occasion and we successfully sent the fell runners off with a rousing rendition of Chariots Of Fire. Amazingly the winner of the race arrived back as we were packing away and let me tell you we did not hang around. Not sure about the runners, but we certainly smashed our PB [personal best] at packing away!



'Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar'

Delia Owens, *Where The Crawdads Sing*

August seems a fragmented month. Band members are away, holidays, rests, childcare, polishing their instruments... So it is with renewed enthusiasm we return to our music making. Exploring new pieces, refreshing old favourites, and the references to Christmas begin to seep in. There are always new challenges along the way, but one thing is constant and that is the camaraderie between us and the welcome that awaits new or potential new members. So as the carpet of the year begins to gently roll itself up and the nights come closer to the day, perhaps the lure of playing an instrument once more comes to mind as a way to fill the space. It is a wonderful time to join as we approach the season of familiar and comforting tunes, some old, some new but never blue, and a festive finale or for some a beginning. Have a think or call for a chat, 07725580095. Enquiries always welcome, as are visits to practice sessions

'Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall'

F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Tess Rowlands



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## Admission of churchwardens

Services for the Admission of Churchwardens were held around the county during July. Dianne Lomax and Brian Smalley were admitted at Kendal Holy Trinity Church by the Ven Vernon Ross, Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, and Jenny Marks was admitted at St John, Keswick by the Ven Richard Pratt

We offer our thanks to Dianne and Brian for standing for another year and welcome Jenny back for a new term, as the elected churchwardens for our church. Please give them your kind support during the year

## Brain of Beetham Quiz

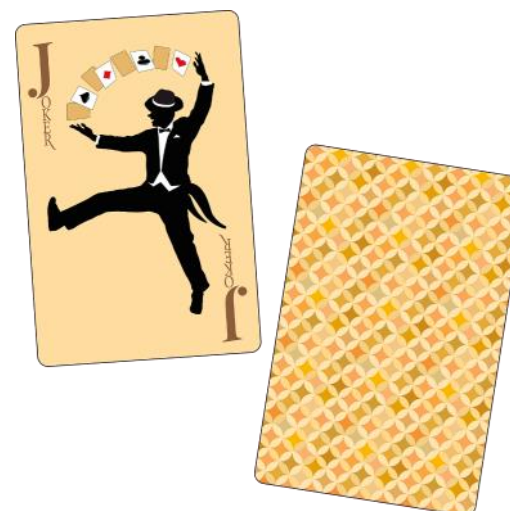
*This month our Quizmaster Clive Holden challenges us to 'Aces High'*  
*All the answers are connected with card games.*

- 1) Popular in ancient Egypt ?
- 2) Is it OK to doze off in this game ?
- 3) Is dependent on a system of mind training.
- 4) May not be steady, but it gets you across.
- 5) Only for the conceited.
- 6) Described by Shakespeare as sitting on a monument
- 7) Sounds as if it's for one, but it isn't.
- 8) The French play it when coming of age.
- 9) Known to be red hot, but not in this case.
- 10) Popular with the racing fraternity.



Answers to the Summer edition 'hub...' quiz.

1. Tasty stage conversation is **rhubarb**.
2. Salmo trutta is The Trout, composed by **Schubert**.
3. **Mother Hubbard** was unable to feed her dog.
4. **Hubris** (overconfidence) invites ruin.
5. If you want security try a **Chubb** lock.
6. Headwear for an axle is a **hubcap**.
7. 'Jerusalem' was the work of **Hubert Parry**.
8. The pipe is a **Hubble Bubble**.
9. The twister was **Chubby Checker**.
10. Your spouse may be your **hubby**.
11. The confused sound of many voices is **hubbub**.
12. The **Hubble** telescope has been in orbit since 1990





## A group of approximately 15 children, mostly of elementary school age, are posing for a group photo in a dense forest. They are arranged in several rows, with some children in the front row wearing blue and green jackets. In the center of the group, a child holds a white flag with a red and yellow design. The background is filled with lush green foliage and trees, suggesting a natural setting. The photo is tilted slightly to the right.

**Best wishes, Abi Johnson**







### Beetham Garden of Remembrance

The large memorial stone for the new Garden of Remembrance in the St Michael & All Angels Burial Ground has now been put in place, along with four corner stones marking the area set aside for the interment of ashes

The Garden is located in a tranquil setting in the northern corner of the burial ground. The memorial stone reads 'Remember those whose ashes are buried here' and names of loved ones have begun to be included on the stone

You are invited to spend a moment of prayer in remembering all who are interred in our Burial Ground and graveyard

### A busy summer of events

We have enjoyed a varied programme of events this summer and our membership has already doubled in size since we 'returned to Beetham' in April.

In July, we had a car sharing trip to **Whin Yeats Dairy**, Hutton Roof where we were warmly welcomed by Clare & Tom Noblet who gave us an interesting tour of their cheese making process. An amazing array of tea and cakes made by Clare and our own member, Beatrice was very much appreciated. We all bought many pieces of their delicious Wensleydale cheese which we thoroughly recommend.

Some members enjoyed a visit to **Abbott Hall Art Gallery** where they saw an exhibition of film, sound, drawing and photography produced by the British Artist, Julie Brook - finishing off in their café. Our **Bottle Tombola & Plant Stall** at the annual **Sports Day** was a great success, despite the strong, gusty winds that presented several challenges. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

For our monthly get-together in the Wheatsheaf in August, we had a fascinating talk by Bridget Pickthall about the **Hincaster Trailway**; how it evolved, what it offers today and their plans for the future. A walk along the trail will definitely be organised for next Spring though anyone is free to walk or cycle it at any time, of course. A visit to **Fairfield Mill** near Sedbergh was a social event enjoyed by members who were quite intrigued by some of the colourful exhibits!

There is a slight change to our monthly Thursday session because of the Westmorland County Show so we'll be meeting on the **first Thursday in September (7th)** with a 'Favourite Book Social' in **The Wheatsheaf**. A friendly welcome awaits if you would like join us on our afternoon sessions (2-4 pm) usually on the second Thursday of the month (a nominal charge to include coffee/tea - up to 3 visits). For more details contact The Secretary on [beethamwi@gmail.com](mailto:beethamwi@gmail.com)

We have a fundraising event at **The Heron Theatre** on the **21st September** when **John Dawson** talks about 'Life at Bleak Bank Farm - with and without the cameras' - see Poster for details



**Friday 1st Sept ~ Emily** (Film—sold out)  
**Sunday 3rd Sept ~ Autumn String Quartet** (2.30pm Music Matinee)  
**Friday 8th Sep ~ Confessions of Sweeney Todd** (Drama)  
**Saturday 16th Sept ~ Sing, Sing a Song** (Saturday Music)  
**Tuesday 19th Sept ~ Eric Ravillious: Drawn to War** (2pm Exhibition on Screen)  
**Friday 22nd Sept ~ After Shakespeare** (Drama)

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**26 Oct ~ Anna Gorst**  
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**'Life at Bleak Bank Farm - with and without the cameras'**

A Talk by  
**John Dawson**  
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 on  
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