

## Notices

**Lent Lunch** - This Tuesday lunchtime, 17th March, between 12.00noon and 1.30pm we look forward to holding our Lent Lunch in church as we raise funds for the important (and life-saving work) of Christian Aid across the world. We are thankful to all those who will make this possible once again. Please do come along if you can and, even better, invite others to join you.

**[N.B It is not too late to offer to provide soup!]**

**Mothering Sunday Posies** - As we celebrate Mothering Sunday today, we are grateful to those who have dedicated time and attention to making posies for distribution. And to those who helped the children at Beetham School make posies last Friday afternoon. If you would like to take a posy as a gift from the churches for someone not able to be at church this morning, please do so, with our love and prayers.

**Electoral Roll 2026** - Notification that the Church Electoral Roll for this year will be open for new enrolments and amendments between 5th and 19th April. Application forms will be available at the back of church between these dates to be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer, Jenny Marks. Please note that if you registered for the Electoral Roll last year you do not need to re-register.

**The Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way** - Thank you to all those who came along yesterday to support the launch of The Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way. It was good to gather together as a Mission Community, alongside Bishop Rob, to celebrate this important milestone and all the work that has gone into producing this wonderful booklet, connecting the churches of the Kent Estuary on a pilgrim trail, which we hope will be a blessing to many – now and in the years to come. Over the coming weeks, copies of the Pilgrim Way will be available to purchase (£6.00) from the back of church.

**'The Romans Course'** - As Lent continues, 'The Romans Course' is running in the Mission Community on Wednesday lunchtimes (12.30-2.00pm) at Arnside Methodist Church Hall. The Letter to the Romans is one of the most influential, and consequential, letters ever written, and learning about it together we hope will help us learn more about our shared faith in Christ. Each session includes a video and a time for discussion and sharing together. If you want to bring and eat your lunch (in the company of others), please do so and refreshments will be served.

**Foundation Governors** - If you might be interested (or know of someone else) in supporting the life of the church, and of our school through serving on the Governing Body as a Foundation Governor, please have a word with Andrew. There are currently two vacancies that we would, ideally, like to fill as soon as we are able.

**Aluminium Recycling** - We appreciate your continued support for our building appeal to repair the church. You can help by recycling clean aluminium drink cans, all tin foil, and blister packs. To check if an item is made of aluminium, test it with a magnet—if it doesn't stick, it's aluminium. Please place your items in the wheelie bin behind the church or leave them in a back pew. For larger donations, contact Deborah 07899702476. Thank you.



## THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 15th March 2026

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*Mothering Sunday*



**This morning** - We gather on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, known affectionately as Mothering Sunday, as we continue our journey towards Easter. In our worship we especially give thanks to God for all those who – in any way – have loved and nurtured us in life and faith, asking that we may show forth the love and kindness of Christ in our own lives, as living witnesses to his goodness and grace in the world. There is Evensong this evening, as usual, at 6.00pm.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	15th	Mothering Sunday Lent 4	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong
Mon	16th		11.00 am	Handbells at Arnside Methodist to entertain Sight Advice group
Tue	17th	St Patrick, Bishop	12.00 - 1.30 pm 12.30 pm	Lent Lunch (for Christian Aid) NISCU Lunch Club - Dallam School
Wed	18th		12.30 pm 2.45 pm 6.00 pm	'The Romans Course', Arnside Methodist Church Collective Worship, Beetham CE School PCC Meeting in church
Thu	19th	Joseph of Nazareth	2.00 pm 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Holy Communion - Elmsfield House Tower Bell practice <i>tbc</i> Beetham School Governors in school
Fri	20th	Vernal Equinox		
Sat	21st		9.00 am	Diocesan Synod, Newbiggin Village Hall
Sun	22nd	Lent 5 Passiontide begins	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is **Andrew Skinner**, whose contact details are: [beethamsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:beethamsafeguarding@gmail.com) and 07362 593076. Please do be in touch with him if you have any worries or concerns as we all do our utmost to keep one another safe here at St Michael and All Angels.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

**Eucharist Readings:** 1 Samuel 1, v. 20 - 28 (Pg. 252 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Colossians 3, v. 12 - 17 (Pg. 199 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

**Gospel:** John 19, v. 25 – 27 (Pg. 111 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

**Hymns:** **644** (God is love, let heav'n adore him); **137** (God of Eve and God of Mary); **138** (Our Father God in heaven); **9** (When morning gilds the skies); **315** (Sing we of the blessed mother)

**Organ Voluntary:** Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te, *Boellman*

**Evensong Readings:** Micah 7; James 5

**Hymns:** **763** (Praise to the holiest); **587** (Amazing grace); **799** (The Lord's my shepherd)

## Psalm 23

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. This child is destined to be a sign: to reveal the thoughts of many.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living, that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### For your Prayers

Susan Andrew. John Smith. Harry Parrott. Rosalie Woods. Shirley Grimshaw. Theresa Holden. Pat Barton.

### R.I.P.

Charles Edmondson. Kenneth Stuart Hackett. Joan Deakin. Rosemary Buchanan. Linda Baverstock. Arthur Moss. Philip Barber. Luke Adams.

<b>Rotas for Today</b>	
First Reading	John Townsend
Second Reading	Patricia Townsend
Intercessions	Jenny Marks
Sidespeople/Offertory	Patricia & John Townsend
Refreshments	Sue & Brian Smalley
Readers at Evensong	Andrew Schofield

**New Bishop of Penrith** - On Wednesday, last week, the announcement was made by 10 Downing Street that His Majesty the King has appointed Michael Leyden, currently Dean of Emmanuel Theological College, to be the next (suffragan) Bishop of Penrith. We assure Michael, and his family, of our prayers as they prepare, and look ahead, to this new chapter of life and ministry, asking that they will know the Lord's help, guidance and grace as they look forward to the future. We pray too for the life of our Diocese at this time of change and new beginnings, and for the ongoing work and witness of God's church here in Cumbria.

**Charles Edmonson** - We note, with sadness, the sudden passing of Charles Edmondson, a local organist based in Kendal, this week. Latterly Charles served as the organist at St Paul's Grange-over-Sands, but was no stranger to the organ console here at St Michael and All Angels. We trust that he will rest now in the Lord's nearer presence, and his family and loved ones will know the promise of Christ's comfort and peace at this time.

**A Prayer for the Kent Estuary** - Heavenly Father, you have promised that you will build your church; and that your Spirit will lead us into all truth. We pray for your church in the Kent Estuary, as we seek to share your love in Christ in our local communities. We pray for our church councils during this period as they consider the proposals before them for the direction of travel that may enable them to flourish in your name in this area. Give them your gifts of wisdom, faithfulness, courage, and vision, that decisions made today may enable the growth and renewal of your church tomorrow, and in the years to come, we ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.