

Notices

Mothering Sunday Posies - As we look to Mothering Sunday next week-end, we are grateful to those who will dedicate time and attention this week to making posies for distribution.

Lent Lunch - Tuesday 17th March. We would be grateful for offers of soup, and there will be a list at the back of church next week. Donations for Christian Aid are requested.

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.

Launch of the Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way - Next Saturday (14th March) 'The Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way' will be launched by The Bishop of Carlisle with a programme of events here in the Mission Community. The booklet, charting out a series of walks between the church buildings of the Kent Estuary, has been prepared by a small group (drawn from across the churches of the Mission Community). There are leaflets with the itinerary for the afternoon available at the back of church, sharing all that we will be doing to celebrate this important occasion, including a walk, refreshments, acts of worship and the opportunity to buy copies of the book (cost £6.00). 'The KEMC Pilgrim Way' explores the history of our area's church buildings, encouraging exploration of our heritage, the beauty around us and (most importantly) the faith we share.

Engaging Theology in Cumbria - This coming Monday sees the next of the 2026 series of gatherings organised by Engaging Theology in Cumbria on the theme of 'Faith, Fear and Flags', where the speaker will be the former Bishop of Worcester, John Inge. The gathering will begin at 7.30pm on Zoom and you can find out more information by visiting the ETC website: (www.engaging-theology-in-cumbria.org)

'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.

The Eucharist with Beetham School - It was good, on Monday last week, to welcome Class 3 from Beetham CE School to explore the meaning, symbolism and significance of the Eucharist. We looked through a eucharistic prayer together, explored the church's vestments and gathered around the altar to think about Jesus' promise to be with us whenever bread is broken and wine shared.



THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS



Sunday 8th March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

This morning - We gather on the Third Sunday of Lent around the Lord's table for our first KEMC Gathering of 2026, meeting at 10.30am at St Peter's Heversham - bringing all the churches of the Kent Estuary together for worship. We are thankful to all those whose efforts, in different ways, have helped bring our service together. Please note: there is extra parking available in the Dallam Boarding House car park. There is Evensong this evening, at St Michael and All Angels, at 6.00pm.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	8th	Lent 3	10.30 am 6.00 pm	KEMC Gathering, St Peter's, Heversham (preceded by choir practice) Evensong
Mon	9th	Commonwealth Day	11.00 am 7.30 pm	Handbell practice Engaging Theology in Cumbria (Zoom meeting)
Tue	10th		12.30 pm	NISCU Lunch Club at Dallam School
Wed	11th		12.30 pm 2.45 pm	'The Romans Course', Arnside Methodist Church Collective Worship, Beetham CE School
Thu	12th		5.30 pm	Tower Bell practice <i>tbc</i>
Fri	13th		1.00 pm	Posy making in school
Sat	14th		10.00 am 10.30 am 2.00 pm 2.45 pm 3.30 pm 4.15 pm	Posy making in church Community Band Act of Worship (to bless the KEMC Pilgrim Way), Heversham Head Join the Bishop of Carlisle walking from Heversham to St Thomas', Milnthorpe Act of Worship, refreshments and book sales at St Thomas' Return walk from Milnthorpe to St Peter's, Heversham
Sun	15th	Mothering Sunday Lent 4	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 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.



Third Sunday of Lent

Eucharist Readings: Exodus 17, v. 1 - 7 (Pg. 66 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Romans 5, v. 1 - 11 (Pg. 151 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: John 4, v. 5 - 42 (Pg. 91 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: See Order of Service for KEMC Gathering

Organ Voluntary: n/a

Evensong Readings: Joshua 1, v. 1 - 9; Ephesians 6, v. 10 - 30

Hymns: 761 (Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, adore him); 296 (We love this place, O God, omit *vv); 595 (Be thou my vision)

Psalm 40

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

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

Almighty God, Collect whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

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Amen

For your Prayers

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

R.I.P.

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

Rotas for Today	
First Reading	n/a
Second Reading	n/a
Intercessions	n/a
Sidespeople/Offertory	n/a
Refreshments	n/a
Readers at Evensong	John Lomax

Coronavirus Memorial Day - Today marks the annual day of reflection for all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic six years ago. A time of testing, grief and pain for so many, remembering all those in need of God's grace, kindness and peace.

KEMC Week of Prayer - Following last week's 'Week of Prayer' we continue to offer our prayers for our shared work and witness as churches across the Kent Estuary, praying that we might know the Lord's guidance and inspiration in all that lies ahead.

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.

A Prayer for Peace in the World - Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love: so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom that all your people may find their security in that love which casts out fear and in the fellowship revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.