

Notices

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Will take place after the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 3rd May. We are grateful to all those who helped to prepare the Annual Report for 2025, which will be available soon, with special thanks to Charles Ellis (as PCC Secretary) for his works drawing everything together. It is all appreciated. As always, there are lots of opportunities to support the life of the church here at St Michael and All Angels and there are now nomination forms available at the back of church for the vacancies that will be up for election at this year's meeting. These will be for Churchwarden (three vacancies), Deanery Synod representatives (two vacancies) and PCC members (three vacancies). If anyone would like to find out more, or would like a conversation, please do speak to Andrew.

Duck Day - One of the highlights in the parish and village calendar is now steadily approaching as we look forward to a morning of racing on the river Bela on Saturday 2nd May. Thank you very much (in anticipation) for your help and support with this, either with practicalities (and preparations) on the day or, very importantly, being willing to buy some duck race tickets over the coming weeks. It is appreciated.

Career Opportunity!! - The Flower Festival approaches at warp speed (23rd - 25th May). Owing to retirements and the ravages of time we are eager to recruit new members to the **Flower Arranging Team**. No experience needed - full training provided. If you would like to join our dynamic team, and help to maintain the traditions of floral excellence at St Michael & All Angels, please have a word with Dianne. **N.B. This opportunity is open to all, irrespective of age, gender or political affiliation!**

Visit from Holme Community School - On Tuesday afternoon this week we look forward to welcoming Year 1 and 2 from Holme Community School to St Michael and All Angels for a visit to learn more about the Christian faith. They are thinking about what makes churches special, the significance of Easter and the importance of the Bible.

The Bereavement Journey - Unfortunately, the planned Bereavement Journey course is no longer taking place over the coming weeks as we didn't reach the number of participants needed. However, it is hoped and planned that the course - for all the communities of the Kent Estuary Mission Community - will take place in the autumn months, later this year.

Foundation Governor - It is good to report that we have been able to appoint a new Foundation Governor to support the life of our School, which is wonderful news. This means there is one remaining vacancy, which we hope to be able to fill as soon as we can. If anyone knows of anyone who might appreciate serving the church and school in this way, please do have a word with Andrew

Aluminium Recycling - Please note that the recycling company will no longer accept blister packs. We still want drinks cans and tin foil/pie cases. These can be placed in the wheelie bin behind church or left in a back pew. For any large items or items you are unsure about contact Deborah, 07899702476, THANK YOU.

Church website: www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk
KEMC website: www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com



THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter



This morning - We gather on the Third Sunday of Easter as we continue to reflect and rejoice in the joy of the resurrection. Our gospel reading reminds us of the journey of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the first Easter Day. Andrew is leading worship at Storth this morning. There is Evensong, as usual, at 6.00pm.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	19th	Third Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm 6.00 pm	Choir practice Parish Eucharist Baptisms of Sidney David Abbit and Lenny Stephen Abbit Evensong
Mon	20th			
Tue	21st		1.00 pm	Visit to church of Yr 1 & 2, Holme Community School
Wed	22nd		12.30 pm 2.45 pm	'The Romans Course' -Arnside Methodist Church Collective Worship, Beetham CE School
Thu	23rd	George, Martyr, Patron of England		
Fri	24th		11.30 am	The Alpha Course, St James', Arnside
Sat	25th	Mark the Evangelist	10.30 am	Community Band
Sun	26th	Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir practice Parish Eucharist Evensong

Electoral Roll 2026 - Today is your last chance to apply to be on the church Electoral Roll. Application forms are available at the back of church, and should be returned to Jenny Marks (as Electoral Rolls Officer) before the end of the day. Please do note that if you registered for the Electoral Roll last year you do not need to complete a form this year.

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.



The Third Sunday of Easter

Parish Eucharist Readings: Acts 2, v. 14 and 36 – 41 (Pg. 115 in the Pew Bible, N.T.); 1 Peter 1, v. 17 - 23 (Pg. 230 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Luke 24, v. 13 – 35 (Pg. 86 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **199** (Christ is alive, let Christians sing); **200** (Christ the Lord is risen again); **201** (Come, ye thankful, raise the strain); **220** (Word that formed creation); **203** (Good Christians all, rejoice and sing)

Organ Voluntary: Sonatina in G Major, *James Hook (1746 - 1827)*

Evensong Readings: Haggai 1, v. 1, v. 13 to 2, v. 9; 1 Corinthians 3, v.10 - 17

Hymns: **613** (City of God); **291** (Christ is made the sure foundation); **621** (Dear Lord and Father)

Psalm 48

Gospel Acclamation

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

For your Prayers

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

R.I.P.

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

Rotas for Today	
First Reading	Andy MacLeod
Second Reading	Helena Nixon
Intercessions	George Theobald
Sidespeople/Offertory	Hilary Harman and Helena Nixon
Refreshments	Sue & Brian Smalley
Readers at Evensong	John Lomax

Alleluia! Christ is risen! - May the joy and promise of the risen Lord fill our hearts and lives in this Easter season as we rejoice in the good news of Jesus risen from the dead. We continue our journey through the great fifty days of Eastertide rejoicing in the goodness and grace of God, who in Christ has swallowed up death forever and opened forever the gates of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Baptisms - We pray for Sidney David Abbit and Lenny Stephen Abbit who are to be baptised this afternoon here at St Michael and All Angels, praying for their parents (Annalise and George) and their chosen godparents. May they know the Lord's love and faithfulness always.

Eastertide Alleluias - During our keeping of Easter, up until the feast of Pentecost, we sing the 'Alleluias' either side of the Gospel Reading. A helpful way to remember the joy to which the season invites us as we seek to be an Easter people, with 'Alleluia' as our song.

Easter Trail - We are thankful to all those who helped make the village Easter Trail around the village possible again. It was good to see lots of families taking part in this over the Easter holidays, hopefully learning more about what makes this season so special and significant.

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.