

Notices

Organ Afternoon Tea - Now only two weeks away, Saturday, 5th September. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church organ, there will be **Afternoon Tea in church**, accompanied by musical items from Geoff Field and friends. There will also be a brief introduction on the history of the organ and a chance to see how it works. **Tickets cost £10 including tea, and cake, and (perhaps) strawberries**, and are available from members of the Friends' Committee or at the door on the day (although it would be useful to know numbers in advance!). **Offers of sandwiches, cakes, scones etc. will be most welcome.** There is a list at the back of church for you to indicate what you are able to provide. Thanks in advance.

Thank You - To all those who worked hard to prepare the church for Noun and Blake's wedding yesterday, either through cleaning efforts or the skills with the flower arrangements. It is appreciated.

Thank You - We are grateful to Ian Stirrup for his hard work mending the churchwarden stave, which has now been returned safely to its place in the back pew.

Church Lighting - It is good to report that following our successful grant application to the Diocesan Quick Wins Net-Zero Fund' (made possible through a Net-Zero grant from The Church of England's Archbishop's Council) that the majority of the upgrade to the lighting has now taken place across the church building, making all the lighting now LED compatible. Hopefully you might be able to notice the difference, a change which we also hope will reduce our electricity costs throughout the year thus reducing our carbon footprint as a church community. If you haven't already switched to LED bulbs at home, this might be a good encouragement to think about it.

The Bereavement Journey - Begins on Thursday 27th August, meeting at St Thomas' Milnthorpe between 12.15pm and 3.45pm for the next seven weeks. The course (which is provided by the national charity AtaLoss for churches to offer in their communities) gives the opportunity for 'anyone bereaved anytime' to spend time in reflection, silence and conversation together. Please do remember in your prayers all those who will be undertaking the course over the coming weeks, and all those helping to make it possible, that they will know God's peace, strength and comfort.

Money from Metal - Thank you to all those who persevere in bringing aluminium so that it can be recycled. However, if anyone knows of anybody wanting to dispose of any copper, we know this to be far more lucrative for church funds. As such we are grateful, once again, to Gary and Edward Hewitt whose work stripping redundant copper wires has resulted in a further donation of £138, which we are very thankful for.

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THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 23rd August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



This morning - We come together on the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity to meet with Christ in word and sacrament at the beginning of a new week. We pray for the Lord's help and grace in the days ahead. There is Evensong, as usual, this evening at 6.00pm.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	23rd	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)	11.00 am 6.00 pm	Parish Eucharist Evensong
Mon	24th	Bartholomew the Apostle		
Tue	25th		10.00 am	Friends' Committee, Stoney Bank
Wed	26th			
Thu	27th		12.15 pm	The Bereavement Journey, St Thomas', Milnthorpe
Fri	28th			
Sat	29th	The beheading of John the Baptist		
Sun	30th	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong

Parish Safeguarding

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels has adopted The Church of England's Safeguarding policy 'Promoting a Safer Church' - remembering our commitment, under God, to make church a safe and welcoming place for all.

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.



Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist Readings: Isaiah 51, v. 1 - 6 (Pg. 691 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Romans 12, v. 1 - 8 (Pg. 157 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Matthew 16, v. 13 - 20 (Pg. 17 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **291** (Christ is made the sure foundation, vv. 5,7,8 + dox.); **498** (Lord, thy church on earth is seeking); **812** (Through all the changing scenes of life); **358** (Be still, for the presence of the Lord); **784** (Stand up, stand up for Jesus)

Organ Voluntary: Prelude in C major, *J S Bach*

Evensong Readings: 2 Kings 6, v. 8 - 23; Acts 17, v. 15 - end

Hymns: **626** (Father in whom we live); **635** (For the healing of the nations); **704** (Let all the world)

Psalms: **95**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers

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

R.I.P.

Valerie Pearson. Shirley Grimshaw. Roy Connah. Gladys James. Matthew White. Cynthia Marks.

<u>Rotas for Today</u>	
First Reading	Graham Edwards
Second Reading	Judith Peacock
Intercessions	Chris Roberts
Sidespeople/Offertory	Karen Pharoah and Alan England
Refreshments	June & Philip Charnley
Readers at Evensong	John Lomax

Eucharistic Prayer - During the month of August we will use Eucharistic Prayer B (page 12 of the Ordinary Time booklets).

August Wedding - We pray for Noun and Blake following their marriage here yesterday, that they will know the Lord's grace and guidance as they begin their married life together. We pray that the love of Christ will support and sustain them now and in the years to come.

September Wedding - We continue our prayers for Nikita Fairchild and Stephen Armstrong as they look forward to their wedding at St Michael and All Angels on Saturday 12th September. We ask that they may both know the Lord's love and blessing as they prepare for their married life together.

Walking the Pilgrim Way - Thank you to all those who were able to join the final (for this summer at least) Pilgrim Way walk journeying between Milnthorpe and St Michael and All Angels. A godly group of twenty-five pilgrims made the pilgrimage, taking time for prayer and reflection along the way. We extend our gratitude to all those who, in any way, have made these walks possible over recent months, giving thanks too for the success of The Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way booklet – which is now being re-printed after selling out the first print run following the launch earlier in the year. We hope (and pray) that all those undertaking the walks around the Mission Community have been blessed and encouraged by spending time on pilgrimage across our area.