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#### CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



## Saturday 22nd November 1-4pm, in Beetham Church

Make your own Christmas Wreath this year

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#### to include instruction, materials\*, and refreshments

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\* please bring your favourite ribbon and decorations if you wish



#### Booking essential as places are limited

Book by 10th November via Ticketsource, scan this QR code, or contact Tess on 07725 580095

#### Church Grand Hamper Raffle

The Church Annual Christmas Grand Hamper Raffle is back and will take place on Saturday 29th November. Once again the Friends of Beetham Church will be creating plenty of magnificent hampers (last year we had 26!). Donations of bottles, jars, nuts, small Christmas cakes and puddings, biscuits and chocolates would be gratefully received and can be left at the back of the church.

Tickets, price £1, are available from the Friends Committee or at the School Winter Fair. The raffle will be drawn at the Fair and winners will be notified if they have been the lucky recipients. Good luck…!



#### Parish Coffee Morning Tuesday 4th November

10.30am-12pm in church

Please do join us for refreshments and a chat!



All are very welcome, and feel free to bring a friend.

There is no charge but any donations will be
gratefully received for our church repair appeal

#### Soup Lunch

hosted by
Beetham CofE Primary School
in church



#### Tuesday 18th November 12 noon to 1.15pm

Class 3 from Beetham School will make soup and scones
Tea and coffee will be available
Donations will be gratefully received for the church building repair appeal



Dogger, Fisher, German Bight .....'

"And now the Shipping Forecast issued by the Met office on behalf of the Maritime & Coast Guard agency at 00.48"...

So begins the twice daily broadcast on BBC Radio 4, delivered in strict format, 350 words maximum, guiding listeners on a clockwise journey around the 31 sea areas of the British Isles; reminding us that we are an island people, subject to, and often at the mercy of an irrepressible force of nature.

As a nation, we have a strong connection to the sea. We are drawn by the beauty and atmospherics of coastal environments and not least, by the therapeutic benefits it has on both our mental and physical health. Any wonder we choose to immerse ourselves in the poetic lull of the Shipping Forecast, particularly on sleepless nights. From the comfort and security of our cosy beds, we can conjure up far off places (without knowing exactly where they are) and imagine how it feels to be battling the gales in Viking, Cromarty, Rockall, Malin, Bailey, Faeroes and Shannon to name but a few.

Some may remember the dulcet tones of Peter Jefferson, who read the forecast for 40 years and told of receiving many letters from listeners, saying that the 00.48 broadcast helped them to get to sleep after a long day. Fast forward to today. I recommend the "Sleeping Forecast" podcast, where you can drift into dreamland, listening to a blend of gentle melodies interspersed with excerpts from the forecast and the distinctively iconic voice of Neil Nunes.

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#### So when and how was the shipping forecast born?

During the great storm of 1859, the most severe storm of the 19th century, the coast of Anglesey was battered by hurricane winds, reaching force 12 on the Beaufort Scale. Then the wind changed direction; Vice Admiral Robert



Fitzroy, in his Upper Norwood home, forecast a disaster and he was right! The Royal Charter, a steam clipper on the last leg of a voyage from Melbourne, was heading for Liverpool. It pressed on through the wind and was wrecked in Dulas Bay with the loss of 450 souls.

This inspired Fitzroy to develop charts to allow predictions to be made based on transmissions from 15 land stations and 'The Weather Forecast' was born. Fitzroy

found posthumous fame when the former Finisterre shipping area was named after him.

#### So where do we fit into this picture?

If you are a member of the congregation of Saint Mary's Church, Coton-in-the-Elms, you may be aware that your parish's claim to fame is 'being as far away from the coast as it's possible to be in the British Isles.'

Here in Saint Michael & All Angels, Beetham we are more fortunate, the coast being just 1.7 miles away located at Sandside 54.22°N 03.19°W, in the North West reaches of the Irish Sea shipping area. Its claim to fame is that it is the only area that encompasses all the nations of the British Isles! As such, it's home to Irish ports with Nordic names, English castles on the coastline of Wales and English cities built by the Irish. I guess we could say it's the most ecumenical of all the shipping areas! It typically offers better visibility and calmer waters than most of the other shipping areas..... a fact to check next time you are struggling to drift off to sleep at 00.48, then perhaps give a thought and a prayer for those in stormier waters of the Shipping Forecast.



In the words of William Whiting

"Oh hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea"

#### **Letter from The Curate**

#### We live in an age where we think death is an option. David Hockney, artist

Modern science, advancements in medicine, anti-ageing skincare products, stress management, home exercise machines, new diets, etc., etc... All these things and more can extend our 'youthfulness' and, in some cases, our life expectancy. However, if one thing is certain for us all, it's that we will all – at some point – come face to face with death. A sombre start to my letter this month, you may think. Yet, with the festivals of All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Day falling at this time of the year, it is a particularly sombre season.



It may be a season that is particularly painful for you as we remember those who have gone before us. It may be a season when we can pray more heartily for peace in our world. It may be a season which you choose to avoid thinking about. It may be a season which prompts you to ask deeper questions.

A common question asked at times of tragedy is why God allows suffering... Doesn't he care?

Actually, the God that made us and loves us cares more than we'll ever know. In fact, he, too, cries over the painful and horrendous things that happen. In this world, there will be problems, but God - rather than being the cause - has the answers. He is the one who gives us life - even in death.

This famous bible verse helps to remind us of this...

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3.16)

In death, we can know life. In our remembering, we can hold on to the resurrection. For Jesus died in order that we may be set free from the finality of death. For he then rose from the dead - bringing new life not just for himself, but for everyone who believes in him. His resurrection enables us to have hope. Hope that isn't just wishful thinking, but hope that is anchored in the character of God - who brings light into darkness and life out of death.

As we remember others in this Remembrance season, may we also commit ourselves anew to the work of peace in our communities, and pray that we can be a people of the resurrection – those who live in the hope of new life now and in the hope of an eternity with the one who made us, loves us, cares for us, and gave his everything for

To close, some words from a hymn often sung at this time of year:

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.



#### with love & prayer Hannah

PS. If you might be interested in finding out more about The Bereavement Journey course, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with Lesley who oversees the course locally – dianalesley@btinternet.com.

Grief is hard. Death can impact

all of life.



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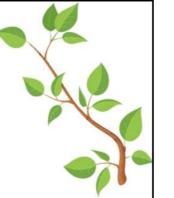
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For more information and/or to book,

#### St Michael & All Angels Beetham Church Services for November 2025

Date	Time	Service
Sun 2nd Nov	11am	All Saints Eucharist
	6pm	All Souls Service
Weds 5th Nov	10am	BCP* Holy Communion
Sun 9th	10.55am	Remembrance Sunday
	6pm	BCP Evensong
Sun 16th	11am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	BCP Evensong
Sun 23rd	11am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	BCP Evensong
Sun 30th	11am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Advent Carol Service

Please see weekly pewsheet or website for further details \*Book of Common Prayer



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#### Advent **Carol Service**



#### Sunday 30th November at 6.00pm

A service of hope and expectation as through words, hymns and music we begin a new church year, look ahead to Christmas, and renew our trust in God who promises to be with us.

#### Friday 10th October Norma Winifred Morris



May she rest in peace

December Dates for your Diary Sunday 7th December, 10.30am KEMC Joint Service at Arnside Methodist Church Sunday 21st December, 6pm Festival of Nine Lesson & Carols Wednesday 24th December, 4pm Christingle & Crib Service



#### Thank you

very much for your generosity this Harvest in supporting the work of

#### Milnthorpe Area Foodbank

It was wonderful to see so many donations, making a real difference to the lives of many in need of help, support and encouragement this Harvest-time.

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#### **All Souls** Service

#### **Sunday 2nd November** at 6.00pm



An opportunity to remember and give thanks to God for all those whom we love but see no longer.

If you would a loved one remembered by name in prayer at this service, please write their name on the list of names at the back of church. Thank you

#### Salvation Army **Christmas Present Appeal**

Over the years millions of children have benefitted from this appeal and you can make a real difference to a child this Christmas. Toys must be new, and can include dolls, teddy bears, bath toys, cars, colouring sets, books, puzzles, family CDs and DVDs, stationery and educational games. You can also bring gloves, scarves and hats. If you would like to donate please leave

your gifts at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity

Tess Rowlands

### Brightening Beetham

Friday 5th December

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'THERE IS NO GREATER FEELING IN THE WORLD THAN LETTING MUSIC MOVE YOU'

🖁 Hello Dear Reader,

Well the sleeves are getting longer, the days shorter as we ski at great speed towards Christmas. However there are many things that require our attention before that. Mainly the solemn tributes held on November 11th. A day of Remembrance. A day with music to help reflection, to hold each other both here and those gone before us and those who still follow in the footsteps of others to keep us safe. The Last Post is a moment when the music does move us, almost giving us permission, to show our feelings. Powerful stuff music in so many ways.

Initially the Last Post came into being in the late 18th century. It was a way of regulating a soldiers' day, as watches were very rare. It was one of many 'posts' played on the bugle daily. The subtle changes to how we hear it now began during the Boer War, where it was played at the graves of fallen soldiers. Now it brings us together in that mournful solo that resonates in the cold November morning air.

Music has such power especially when we cannot find the words. Music is the keeper of our secrets, our memories, our moods. Magically binding one to another, albeit briefly.

That is why I am so passionate about it and why I will always try and tempt you to join us. Or any music outlet. Recently I was invited to celebrate 30 years since my first Community Band. Still going strong, carrying the same ethos, still inclusive.

Beetham Community Band continues to develop and grow. Especially good fun at Christmas. Bringing a little light into the darkness of winter. Should you like to find out more or join us, the warmest of welcomes awaits you.

Weeks ago we had, we think, a famous visitor whom along with a few others sat and listened. Who was it?? Well if you come to band, I might tell you ......

'GIVE YOURSELF TIME FOR THE CHANGE AND TAKE ON THE CHALLENGES ON YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY IN A HEALTHY, CREATIVE AND ENJOYABLE WAY. MAY EVERY MOMENT OF YOUR ARTISTIC CREATION BE A CALL BY YOUR ESSENCE TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN A PURE POWERFUL AND ELEVATED WAY. TURN YOURSELF INTO YOUR OWN MICHAELANGELO ON EACH STEP OF YOUR ARTISTIC JOURNEY THAT WILL TOUCH THE HEARTS OF YOUR AUDIENCES!

Quote from "The Invisible Force Of Music"

(Intil next time. Much love as always,

Tess x

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#### Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November



c. 10.55am - Act of Remembrance at the Village War Memorial

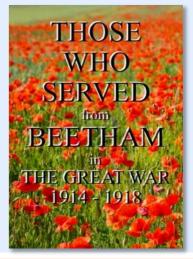
c. 11.05am - Parish Eucharist

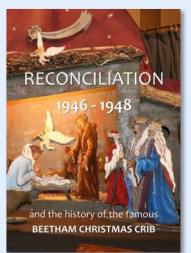
6.00pm - Evensong

'O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come'

#### **Beetham Remembers**

A new edition of 'Those Who Served from Beetham in the Great War 1914-1918' with updated material is now available on the church bookstall, documenting the fallen from our parish. Also available is a new illustrated edition of 'Reconciliation', the fascinating history of the PoW Bela River Camp No.104 in World War II, and the making of our unique and beautiful Christmas Crib that reaches it's 80th anniversary next year. Both publications are priced at £3, with all proceeds going to church funds





#### Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper was held in the Heron Corn Mill Barn on Friday 10th October, where we were once again treated to a magnificent supper of hot pot - with all the trimmings - and apple crumble by Alison Thompson and her team. After everyone had finished second helpings the meal was followed by the raffle organised by Colin and Julie Clarke.

Then it was time for entertainment with a difference this year, in the form of 'Dessert Island Discs'. Our mystery celebrity was the Rev'd Hannah Wallace, and John Lomax hosted the questions. Hannah had chosen six pieces of music

that reminded her of different periods of her life from childhood to the present day. The tracks ranged from Howard Goodall's 'The Lord is my Shepherd' which Hannah sang accompanied by Geoff Field, to Take 6, Hayley Westenra, and Jacob Collier. Hannah's own musical talents shone with encouraging the audience to join in Bill Withers' 'Lovely Day', and finally to play and sing Victoria Wood's slightly risqué 'Pam' to the amused delight of everyone there! Hannah's book choice was her Angela Ashwin prayer book and her luxury item was a hot water bottle in case it got cold at nights...

Thanks go to Hannah, John and Geoff, and to all who helped to prepare the event, and to Colin and Julie for helping to raise £289 for church funds















#### What Beetham WI have been up to this Autumn



For our September social, members took advantage of a beautiful sunny day to walk up Orrest Head, Windermere. The 360 degree views from the top were stunning.



We enjoyed a craft session at our October meeting which was held at The Atheneum. We were patiently guided through the skills of Lino Printing by tutor, Helen Draper and were pleased we'd managed to produce an array of different cards between us.

For our October social, we car shared & used the bus to visit The Courtyard Café at St John's Hospice in Lancaster where we enjoyed delicious cakes in a spacious setting which also has a lovely gift shop. To be recommended!

We have a Talk about Fungi entitled 'Me and Beatrix Potter' by Helen Speed on Thursday 13th November 2025 to be held in an upstairs room in The Wheatsheaf. Anyone is very welcome to attend. The Talk will begin at 2.00 pm and will last about 1 hour - Tea or Coffee is provided afterwards - a small contribution towards

the event would be appreciated. We usually finish the session about

Our Secretary, Jeanette, will be happy to provide more information about our WI at



or just speak to anyone you know who is a member. You can 'try us out' 3 times (for £3 a visit) before deciding if you want to join us!





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Tuesday 25th November, 1 - 4pm **POWSOWDIE** 

Wednesday 5th November, 11am - 2pm **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** 

Sunday 16th November, 10am - 2.30pm **FOODIE FRIDAY** 

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**Beetham Parish Council** Next meeting will be in **Storth Village Church** Monday 3rd November at 7pm

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#### Christmas Concert.



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