

## Notices

**Coffee Morning** - Thank you very much indeed to all those who came along and supported our Parish Coffee Morning last week. The first gathering of 2026 will be on Tuesday 6th January.

**Christmas Services** - There are flyers available at the back of church detailing all the services here at St Michael and All Angels as Christmas approaches. Please do share this with friends and neighbours and invite them to join us as we come once again to worship the holy child of Bethlehem and wonder, once again, at all that God has done.

**Carols around the Crib** - Next Sunday (14th December) at 2.00pm there is an opportunity to join Arnside Christians Together on the Promenade at Arnside for 'Carols around the Crib': all are welcome.

**Brightening Beetham** - Thank you so very much to all those who in a myriad of different ways - through their generosity and hard work and effort - have made 'Brightening Beetham' possible once again. It was good to gather in church on Friday afternoon for this year's official launch, enjoying refreshments and fellowship together. We pray that the lights around St Michael and All Angels this Advent will be a reminder to all of the 'true light that has come into the world', and that all who see them may know God's care and blessing in the days ahead.

**Update from KEMC Working Group** - A printed update from the Working Group, seeking to reflect on the way forward for the Kent Estuary Mission Community is available at the back of church. We continue to pray for this important process as we think about the future and how we might continue to be a sustainable, lively and active Christian presence across the villages of the Kent Estuary.

**Gift Aid** - Huge thanks to all who currently Gift Aid their church donations. During the eight months Jan-Aug 2025 we received nearly £22,000 in Gift Aided donations for the church, from which I have claimed nearly £5,500 from HMRC as an additional boost to church funds. This makes such a difference to our church finances. Any UK taxpayer is eligible to Gift Aid a donation, whether as a one-off or by regular giving, whether by church envelopes or direct to the church bank account. Please ask me if you would like to know more and I will be happy to answer any Gift Aid questions you may have. Thank you.

**Andy MacLeod.**

**Aluminium Recycling** - We are very grateful for your help in supporting our building appeal to repair the church fabric. If you are able to do so, we invite you to help us by recycling your clean aluminium drinks cans, tin foil, pie cases, and blister packs. To check if an item is aluminium, simply test it with a magnet—aluminium will not respond. You can kindly drop off your contributions in the marked black bin at the back of the church. If you have a larger donation such as unwanted items like old ladders etc, please don't hesitate to reach out to Deborah at 07899702476.

**Foundation Governor** - 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 is one remaining vacancy that we would, ideally, like to fill as soon as we are able.

**Church website:**

[www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk](http://www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk)

**KEMC website:**

[www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com](http://www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com)



# THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS



Sunday 7th December 2025

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**Today** - We come together as the Kent Estuary Mission Community for our next 'Gathering' at Arnside Methodist Church at 10.30am, an opportunity to unite in prayer and worship. As such, there is no Parish Eucharist at St Michael and All Angels this morning. In joining together for worship, we give thanks for our shared witness and calling here in the Kent Estuary, praying that God will continue to guide and encourage us as we seek to share in the work of ministry and mission together.

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	7th	Advent 2	10.30 am 6.00 pm	KEMC Service - Arnside Methodist Evensong
Mon	8th		10.00 am	Handbell Practice
Tue	9th	Victims of Genocide	5.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wed	10th	Human Rights Day	12.30 pm 2.45 pm	Advent Lunch Discussion - Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside Collective Worship, Beetham CE School
Thu	11th		2.00 pm 5.30 pm	Holy Communion, Elmsfield House Tower Bell Practice
Fri	12th		1.00 pm	Funeral of Luke Adams
Sat	13th		10.30 am	Community Band <i>tbc</i>
Sun	14th	Advent 3 Gaudete Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist 'Carols around the Crib', on the promenade in Arnside Evensong

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Andrew Skinner, whose contact details are: [beethamsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:beethamsafeguarding@gmail.com) and 07362 593076.



## Second Sunday of Advent

**Eucharist Readings:** *n/a*

**Gospel:** *n/a*

**Hymns:** *n/a*

**Organ Voluntary:** *n/a*

**Evensong Readings:** 1 Kings 18, v. 17 - 39; John 1, v. 19 - 28

**Hymns:** **51** (The Lord will come and not be slow); **46** (On Jordan's bank); **604** (Brother, sister, let me serve you)

**Psalm:** 11

**Advent Antiphons:** During our Parish Eucharists over the coming weeks we will hear the Advent Antiphons sung, a particular way of anticipating the coming of Christ and giving us opportunity to reflect on all that his arrival means for the world and for each of us. All the Advent Antiphons will be sung at this evening's Advent Carol Service.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### For your Prayers

Sheila MacInnes. John Smith. Ann and Harry Parrott. Rosalie Woods. Shirley Grimshaw. Theresa Holden. Pat Barton. Phil Barber.

### R.I.P.

Luke Adams. Ray Hills. Neville Semark. Norma Morris. Frank Clarke.

Of your kindness this week please pray especially for the family and friends of Luke Adams as his Funeral takes place here at St Michael and All Angels. We pray especially for Lydia, Arthur and Betty, that they will know the Lord's comfort and strength, asking that Luke may rest in peace and rise in glory.

<b>Rotas for Today</b>	
First Reading	<i>n/a</i>
Second Reading	<i>n/a</i>
Intercessions	<i>n/a</i>
Sidespeople/Offertory	<i>n/a</i>
Refreshments	<i>n/a</i>
Readers at Evensong	Jane Theobald

**Advent Carol Service** - Thank you to all those who came along and supported our Advent Carol Service last Sunday. It was a wonderfully evocative and meaningful way to ponder the mystery and joy of this season of preparation.

**Advent in Church** - Thank you to all those who have worked hard during the last week to decorate the church for the Advent season, especially those who helped to erect and decorate the Christmas Tree in the south aisle which looks magnificent and adorn the window ledges ready for the celebrations of coming weeks.

**Bishop of Penrith** - We pray for this ongoing process discernment as the shortlisting meeting takes place early next month, remembering all those who have felt a sense of calling to explore this ministry.

**Beetham Charity** - We are grateful to all those who coordinate the work of this Charity, set up many many years ago, which continues to offer funds for a small gift to the elderly, sick or recently bereaved as we prepare for Christmas.