St Michael & All Angels Heating Appeal

Many thanks to all who have made donations, and organised and supported our Heating Appeal fundraising events over the past nine months. We would like to thank the Beetham Church Heritage Trust charity for matching the fundraising with a grant of £17,500 to reach our target and to enable us to place the order for our replacement boilers. We are delighted to announce that the work has now started and is expected to take 3 weeks to complete. Thanks go to John and Dianne Lomax for decluttering the boiler house (see below!), and a very grateful thanks to the contractor - J W Moore & Co - for making the project possible at such short notice and in the warmth of the summer months whilst we have no heating. We look forward to a more comfortable winter ahead, and greater protection of the fabric of our beautiful church interior

However, this is not the end of the story. Part of this donation from the Heritage Trust was already earmarked for the muchneeded repairs to our external parapets identified in the church Quinquennial Report. We need to replenish these funds in order for this work to be reviewed next year, so the fundraising continues! Thank you very much to Andy and Dorothy MacLeod for organising the first of the Parish Coffee Mornings in June, where it was lovely to welcome two walking parties who were grateful to get out of the cold wind that day. Please do come and support the Coffee Mornings in July and August



You are also invited to a fundraising Strawberry Tea on 12th July, and please come along and support the church stall at Beetham Sports on 26th July

A reminder that you can still also donate to the appeal by scanning the QR code, or visiting our website for

other ways of giving. Thank you again for all your generosity



Parish Coffee Mornings Tuesdays 1st July and 5th August in Church, 10.30am-12pm



Please do join us for refreshments and a chance to 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 Heating Appeal





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Involuntary Memory

Recently, sorting through a number of old books, I came across a copy of the first volume of Marcel Proust's seven- volume and three-thousand-page long novel A la Recherche du Temps Perdu, which translates as In Search of Past Time. It was published volume by volume between 1913 and 1927. I had read the first volume - or perhaps rather endeavoured to read it - as an undergraduate student many years ago.

Proust's style of writing is both dense and detailed and his books are most certainly not what we nowadays might refer to as 'page-turners'. His descriptions of even the most mundane of events and circumstances often go on for pages and pages. Nevertheless, he seeks to develop some interesting ideas, one of which is the concept of 'involuntary memory', by which he means not memories consciously recalled, but rather memories deeply embedded in the psyche, which are triggered by chance external events.



At several points in A la Recherche du Temps Perdu Proust attempts to explain what he means by 'involuntary memory', the most well-known of them being his description of how the smell of newly-baked madeleines – small French sponge cakes baked in the shape of a sea-shell – always aroused in him memories of Sunday mornings during his childhood when, before going to mass, he would visit his aunt who would invariably give him a freshly-baked madeleine to dip in his tea. Proust also recounts elsewhere in his egregiously long novel how tripping on a loose paving stone one day triggered for him an unexpected memory of his negotiating the treacherously uneven stone floor of the baptistry of St Mark's cathedral in Venice.

Now if you have read this far, you may well be asking why on earth have I chosen to drone on about Proust and his fascination with the idea of 'involuntary memory'? Well, because I myself had a powerful experience of 'involuntary memory' recall very recently.

A couple of weeks ago, a good friend of mine was installed as Mayor of Ulverston and invited me to be a guest at her Civic Service in Ulverston Parish Church and after at a reception in the town's Coronation Hall. This involved Mayor and congregation, on leaving the church, processing through the town in pouring rain, headed by the town's excellent brass band, and stopping en route at the war memorial for the Mayor to lay a wreath. All eyes on her, the Mayor, carrying her wreath, approached the war memorial and clearly hesitated when she realized that the base of the monument was surrounded by a foot-high, protective iron chain. Then, being a woman of immense determination, she walked up close to the chain, lifted her right leg high and strode over it. Well done Madam Mayor!

What the Mayor did not know, however, was that her action of stepping over the iron chain had freaked me out, as I was assailed by the involuntary recall of a memory of something that had happened to me whilst on a visit to Paris around thirty years ago. I, like the Mayor, had approached a low iron chain with a view to striding over it to get a better shot with my camera. Unhappily, I misjudged the height of the chain, tripped over it, measured my length and dislocated my right shoulder. Hence, seeing the Mayor of Ulverston striding over a similar low iron chain, caused me to experience a flashback to something that had happened to me some thirty years ago, and now dredged up unbidden from my subconscious. An example of Proust's concept of 'involuntary memory'.

If you have been brave enough to read this short piece to the end, I ask whether you have perhaps had similar experiences? Think about it as you enjoy the hazy, lazy days of summer or shelter from the rain.



David Peacock

Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman

Dear friends,

'Ubi caritas et amor, deus ibi est'

The month of July sees the sixth anniversary of my licensing as the Priest in Charge of Arnside, Storth and Beetham, a reminder - to me at least that time passes very quickly indeed. This year also marks the tenth anniversary of my ordination in Carlisle Cathedral and so I've had many opportunities to look back and remember all that the last decade has held both here in the Kent Estuary and before that as the Assistant Curate of the Cartmel Peninsula.

Thinking about the past and bringing to mind the memories of people and places which have influenced and directed our lives for the better is, as we will all recognise, a precious thing. And whatever age or stage of life we might find ourselves, it is something that we all regularly do and - for the most part - enjoy doing, whether individually or in the company of others.

When I look to the past and remember I'm often conscious of many blessings and much done amiss, penitence and thanksgiving mingled – as they so often are. Thankful for all that's enriched my life for the better and mindful of the times when I've fallen short or failed others in what I've done or what I've said. Two responses that serve both to keep me grounded and maintain my (sometimes wayward) attentiveness to the words and works of God, who in every season of life calls us to journey in fellowship with him.

In his *Choruses from the 'The Rock'* the twentieth century poet T.S. Eliot wrote these words:

'What life have you if you have not life together? There is no life that is not in community, And no community not lived in praise of God.'

In a society and a world which so easily encourages us to look first to our own interests of well-being, before that of others, our memories remind us that the moments of our life which have greatest value and significance are bound up in recalling those we'd have the privilege and delight to live alongside. Whether that be our loved ones, friends, neighbours or colleagues, we do not remember the past in isolation from those we've known and experienced it with. The communities (however big or small) of love and faith that have supported, strengthened, nurtured and encouraged us along life's way, which - whether we immediately recognise it or not – are places where God can be seen, known and encountered.

This is, of course, the model of living that we evidenced in the life of Jesus himself, as told to us in the gospels, and in the generous, open-hearted and compassionate way in which he made the good news of God credible and real to those around him. Teaching us that life in all its complexity, beauty and fulness is only properly experienced when we see, know and believe ourselves to be part of the community and family which God has invited us all into.

As the chant of the ecumenical Christian community at Taizé reminds us: 'where charity and love are, God is there'.

With every good wish and prayer for God's blessing,



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Village Worship

all those who work and serve on the seas and waters



Hello dearest and avid reader of my monthly musical musings. I love that song. It's the summers' equivalent to Mariah 🕯 Carey's All I Want For Christmas. Sets the tone of the season for me. Equally I appreciate they could be a slight 2 irritant for some. They are both earworms that are hard to get rid of.

It has been strange month June. In many ways. Beetham Community Band continues it's slow, but steady, germination. If you recall, I have done this before, and we will grow. People need music in their lives, now more than ever. As you 🧣 concentrate on playing, all worries and anxieties are suspended. I always leave Band feeling better, always.

'I'M PICKIN' UP GOOD VIBRATIONS.... GOOD, GOOD, GOOD, GOOD VIBRATIONS....!" Beach Boys

We recently had the pleasure of playing for a special birthday party. Oh yes, Beetham Community Band on tour. Always 🕯 a Challenge to move from the confines of our beautiful practice space into new unknown territory. But it is reassuring 🕻 to know we can do it and enjoy ourselves. July promises to be busy, after we finish June playing at the Strawberry Party 🐕 along with the lovely handbell ringers. Of course you know what July means ~ Beetham Sports Day. That is a musical challenge on many levels, but such fun. Whilst we are there eagerly anticipating the correct point at which to play 🐕 Chariots Of Fire to send off the Fell runners with the inspiring composition, why not come and have a chat. Whether it is about joining us or playing for an event, you will be most welcome.

So with that said, and all I have said before about music bands and all it offers in terms of being life enhancing, have a wonderful summer 🔆. By the way....

> "SUMMER DAYS, DRIFTING AWAY, TO, OH, OH THE SU...UMMER.....NIGH...NIGHTS! TELL ME MORE, TELL ME MORE ...!

Written by Barry Alan Gibb and memorably performed by Olivia Newton John and John Travolta in GREASE

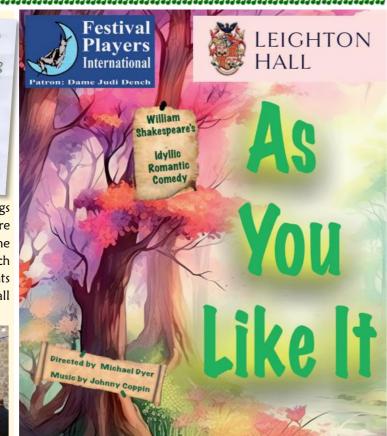
KEMC Pet Service

A big thank you to everyone who organised or took part in the second Kent Estuary Mission Community Pet Service on Sunday 1st June, and congratulations to Jacob from Arnside Primary School for this winning Order of Service cover design. Due to the forecast rain the event was held inside the barn, with grateful



thanks to Park House Farm. The pets were nearly all dogs this year, but with one exception - a hamster! The dogs were all very well behaved, with some joining their owners in the hymn singing and encouraging plenty of socialising with each other. Thank you also to all who provided refreshments after the service, for both humans and canines. We are all looking forward to next year's Pet Service





DA-DA-DA, DA-DA, YEAH, WE'RE HAP-HAPPY!!" Mungo Jerry

Shakespeare in the Garden at Leighton Hall – Thursday 24th July Leighton Hall, Carnforth, LA5 9ST

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Open Air – Rain or Shine! Bring your own seat! Grounds open for picnics at 6.00pm, play starts at 7:30pm



On Sunday 15th June we were pleased to welcome the Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh, Suffragen Bishop of Penrith, to celebrate the confirmation of Noun Richardson at our morning service. Noun was supported by her family, friends and congregation in a joyful and uplifting service as she was received into our church fellowship along her journey of faith

Bishop Rob has recently been announced as the next Bishop of Carlisle and we were delighted that he was able to lead us in our worship for Trinity Sunday and join us after the service for a social gathering

to feel so welcome

Burial ground gates

The church and community would like to express their gratitude to the Hills family for their generous donation of a new pair of gates for Beetham Burial Ground. The previous gates were in a very poor state of repair and have been replaced with hardwood gates of the same design, made by Richard Hope of Tatham

The gates have been presented in memory of Judith Hills, and the back of the gates have been carved with the initials of Judith and Ray Hills

The new gates greatly enhance the entrance to the burial ground and the tranquillity of the graveyard in remembering loved ones for many generations to come. Our thanks go to Ray and Stephen Hills for organising the new gates and for their kind generosity in this gift





On Saturday 21st June we were delighted to host two groups of visiting bellringers. In the morning a band from St John's and other churches in the Lytham area met up together at the start of a social outing. As the Beetham Towerbell Ringers had visited St John's on a similar outing some years ago we were able to renew acquaintances, before they left to join a canal boat trip for the rest of their day out

In the afternoon we had a visit from the Durham University Ringers in a last minute change of plan, as their original afternoon walking was overtaken by the rain forecast. This was a very special visit welcoming back one of our own ringers · Lottie Harmer - and her fellow students, and again an opportunity to catch up with each other before they all headed back to Durham

Our next visiting ringers will be from Surrey, ringing here from 5.30-6pm on Tuesday 1st July. Then in August we will once again be hosting the North West Ringing Course, from 10.15am-12.15pm on Friday 8th August

Finally, a reminder that the Beetham Handbell Ringers will also be in action, along with the Beetham Band, at the Strawberry Tea on 12th July (see back page for details)

Trinity Sunday Confirmation

Thanks go to all who contributed to the service and refreshments in any way to make this such a special occasion. A particularly big thank you goes to Patricia and John Townsend who organised the amazing buffet, and who ensured that every detail was covered to enable everyone to be made



Beetham Bells



Much love as always, Tess, 07725580095



As we approach the end of another school year, it is always a good time to reflect on the many opportunities and achievements that have shaped our school community over the past months. It has been a busy, rewarding, and joyful year for everyone involved.

We began the school year with two exciting new ventures: the opening of our Preschool and the arrival of our very own minibuses. Both have proved to be tremendous assets to our school.

Preschool has flourished, providing a fantastic foundation for our youngest learners. Many of these children have moved into our Nursery with confidence and enthusiasm. Their learning has been rich and varied, with experiences ranging from creative crafts and construction to the excitement of Forest Schools.

Our minibuses have opened up the world beyond the school gates, enabling us to enrich our curriculum with an impressive range of visits. This year, we've been open water swimming and sailing at Killington, visited Grange-over-Sands, enjoyed theatre performances, explored the wildlife at Leighton Moss, met ex-racehorses in Halton, and discovered new stories at Morecambe Library — to name just a few!

Learning in the classroom has been equally vibrant. In Science, children have investigated electricity, renewable energy, states of matter, and explored their local environment through practical activities.

We've welcomed many visitors and special events into school too. Highlights included hearing from Peter Nutsford about his life in Africa, engaging with faith workshops that explored a range of beliefs including Muslim, Humanist, and Hindu perspectives, and exciting workshops with Imagining History about Ancient Egypt.

Physical activity has also been at the heart of school life with children taking part in Dallam sports festivals such as skittle ball, bench ball, cross-country, gymnastics, and multi-skills. Our children also performed at the Ulverston and Kendal Dance Platforms and sang at the unforgettable Young Voices concert at the Co-op Arena.

Other memorable experiences included cycling lessons for all children, visits to Milnthorpe Fire Station, outdoor adventure days at Borwick Hall, and exploring the story of Donald Campbell at the Ruskin Museum.

Throughout the year, we have also sought to strengthen our ties with the wider community. We held Christmas, Harvest, and Easter services in church, supported Milnthorpe Food Bank, delivered daffodil bulbs locally, sang with Home Instead to raise awareness of dementia, raised funds for St John's Hospice through the Reindeer Dash, and supported church events like the soup lunches and flower festival. A special highlight was our VE Day celebration afternoon tea.

One of the greatest adventures of the year was our residential trip to Liverpool and Manchester, where we visited a synagogue, Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, Chester Zoo, and even tackled the obstacles at Ninja Warrior.

As the year draws to a close, we still have much to look forward to: our own Leavers' Service, Summer Production, and, of course, Sports Day.

It has been a truly memorable year, filled with learning, laughter, and life-changing experiences. We give thanks for the ongoing support from our community and church family, and we look forward to what the next year will bring.

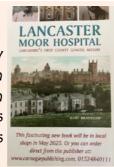
Best wishes, Abi Johnson

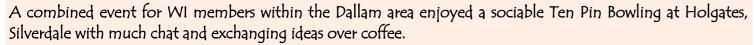




Beetham WI – from June to September

For our June session, we welcomed extra quests who joined us to listen to a talk by Gary Bradshaw who explained the history of the Lancaster Moor Hospital. He'd grown up in Lancaster and trained as a Mental Health nurse at 'The Moor', as the hospital was known locally. In retirement he undertook extensive research into the history of the Asylum and its many changes over almost two centuries. In his recently published book he has also put faces to the names of some who have passed through its doors.





Later in June, WI members enjoyed a walk followed by a visit to Farfield Mill near Sedbergh for lunch and to view a variety of exhibitions and a look round the Craft Gallery.

Back in The Wheatsheaf on Thursday 10 July, when we are taking part in a Pebble Painting session - all materials provided. Guests are very welcome to join us (for a small charge to include refreshments) but let



Jeanette, our Secretary, know in advance at beethamwi@gmail.com so we can make sure there is enough equipment.

Some members will be continuing their Pickle Ball training later in July - quided by two of our members - at Burton-in-Kendal Memorial Hall.

We are having a social get-together at Farleton Fisheries for our monthly session in August when some will combine it with a cycle ride – and for our 'Summer Outing' we will be visiting Holker Hall.

On Thursday 4th September we will be back in The Wheatsheaf for 'An Afternoon of Puzzles' led by Philip Burley. (Note this is a week earlier than our usual second Thursday monthly meetings due to the Westmorland Show). Have a good Summer!



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> **Beetham Parish Council** Next meeting will be in **Beetham CE School** Monday 7th July at 7pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend Previous minutes and details of the Councillors can be found on the website at www.beethampc.co.uk

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encouragement he can offer, if you would have any questions about services church life or the Christian faith, or if you would like anyone or anything remembered in prayer.

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