

Notices

Thank You - To everyone who, in any way, has supported our celebrations of Advent and Christmas over recent weeks. We pray that we may go forward into the new year with hope and expectation in God, who in the birth of Jesus Christ, has brought us 'light and life' for now and always. The 'long' Christmas season continues until the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) at the beginning of February.

Parish Coffee Morning - Thank you to all those who came along last Tuesday for our first Coffee Morning of 2026.

Village Soup Lunch - Our next Soup Lunch, here in church, will take place on Tuesday 20th January - please do put the date in your diary and come along if you can.

KEMC Open Meeting - Over recent weeks the Working Group (made up of volunteers from across the churches of the Kent Estuary) have been reflecting on the future of the Mission Community and how, together, we might continue to be a sustainable, lively and active Christian presence across the villages of the Kent Estuary. There will be another KEMC Open Meeting (set within the context of prayer and worship) on Wednesday 28th January at 7.00m in Arnside Methodist Church, where we'll all have opportunity to hear back from the Working Group after their discussions and deliberations over recent weeks.

Aluminium Recycling - We appreciate your continued support for our building appeal to repair the church. You can help by recycling clean aluminium drink cans, all tin foil, and blister packs. To check if an item is made of aluminium, test it with a magnet—if it doesn't stick, it's aluminium. Please place your items in the wheelie bin behind the church or leave them in a back pew. For larger donations, contact Deborah 07899702476. Thank you.

Foundation Governors - With the beginning of a new calendar year, 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 are currently two vacancies that we would, ideally, like to fill as soon as we are able.

Church website: www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

KEMC website: www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com

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THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 11th January 2026

The Baptism of Christ

First Sunday of Epiphany



This morning - We gather on the First Sunday after Epiphany around the Lord's table. On this Sunday we recall and remember the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist at the river Jordan at the beginning of his public ministry. In doing so we give thanks for our own baptism, for those who have nurtured and supported us in faith and pray for all those who have been baptised here at St Michael and All Angels over the centuries. May God help us to be faithful to our baptism and to live out our faith with joy, humility and generosity. There is Evensong this evening at 6.00pm.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	11th	The Baptism of Christ Epiphany 1 Plough Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong
Mon	12th		10.00 am	Handbell Practice
Tue	13th		12.00 noon	Kendal Deanery Chapter meeting, St Mary's, Kirkby Lonsdale
Wed	14th		12.30 pm 2.45 pm 4.00 pm	KEMC Clergy meeting, St Thomas', Milnthorpe Collective Worship - Beetham CE School KEMC Leadership Team meeting, Old School, Heversham
Thu	15th		5.30 pm	Tower Bell practice <i>tbc</i>
Fri	16th			
Sat	17th		10.30 am	Community Band <i>tbc</i>
Sun	18th	Epiphany 2	9.30 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Baptism of Lauren Wells Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside Epiphany Carol Service

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

The Baptism of Christ First Sunday of Epiphany

Eucharist Readings: Isaiah 42, v. 1 - 9 (Pg. 680 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Acts 10, v. 34 - 43 (Pg. 126 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Matthew 3, v. 13 – 17 (Pg. 3 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **327** (Awake, awake, fling off the night); **107** (The sinless one to Jordan came); **103** (O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness); **108** (When Jesus came to Jordan); **99** (Hail to the Lord's anointed)

Organ Voluntary: *tbc*

Evensong Readings: Joshua 3, v. 1 - 8, 14 - 17; Hebrews 1, v. 1 - 12

Hymns: **804** (There is a land of pure delight); **80** (Of the Father's heart begotten, *omit* v. 3 & 4); **569** (The Kingdome of God is justice and joy)

Psalms: **46, 47**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers

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

R.I.P.

Luke Adams. Ray Hills.

<u>Rotas for Today</u>	
First Reading	Andy MacLeod
Second Reading	Jenny Andrews
Intercessions	Susan Turner
Sidespeople/Offertory	Freda Carey and Christine Wray
Refreshments	Valerie Cookson and Hilary Harman
Readers at Evensong	Dennis Wright

A Prayer for the Discernment of the new Bishop of Penrith - God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to all those involved in the discernment of a new Bishop of Penrith for our Diocese the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epiphany Carol Service -Next Sunday evening at 6.00pm we will gather for our Epiphany Carol Service, offering an opportunity to reflect on the wonder and meaning of the Epiphany season.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Next Sunday sees the beginning of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in remembering this we call to mind the need for us all to pray for the togetherness of Christ's Church across the world as we seek to share the good news of his love with all.

Baptisms - We remember in our prayers Alexander George Itokiana White -Rakotmalala who was baptised at St Michael and All Angels last Sunday, and Lauren Wells who will be baptised here next Sunday afternoon. That they may know the Lord's love and friendship now and always.

Christmas Season 'Alleluia'

During the Christmas and Epiphany seasons we sing the 'Alleluias' either side of the Gospel Reading. A good way to acknowledge the joy and gladness with which we celebrate the Saviour's birth until the Feast of Candlemas at the beginning of February.