

Notices

Shrove Tuesday Supper and Quiz Night - The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday 17th February at the Heron Corn Mill Barn, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Traditional Cottage Pie followed by Pancakes with vegetarian and gluten free options, wine and/or soft drinks included. Brain Exercising Quiz, Grand Raffle and warm friendship. Tickets £15 now available from Dianne. See you there!

Thank you - We extend our gratitude (in anticipation) to all who will work hard over the coming week to tidy up the church and churchyard following our keeping of Christmas and Epiphany, not least the tidying away of the trees and lights from 'Brightening Beetham' and the cleaning of the church building. We are grateful to everyone for their support, care and efforts.

Parish Coffee Morning - Takes place this coming Tuesday at 10.30am, please do come along if you can (and tell others about it too).

KEMC Open Meeting - Last week a second Open Meeting was held for the Kent Estuary Mission Community at Arnside Methodist Church. During that meeting we heard the outline of a report put together by the Working Group (after meetings over recent months), which outlines proposals for how the churches of the Kent Estuary might continue to be a sustainable, lively and active Christian presence as we look to the future. If you would like to read a copy of the report and find out about the proposals that have been put forward for further discussion and discernment by the church councils of the Kent Estuary, these can be found at the back of church. We extend our gratitude to the Working Group for all their efforts and pray for God's guidance as we look to all that is to come.

'Reset' Women's Day at Ulverston - On Saturday 7th February, between 9.30am-4.00pm, Ulverston Parish Church are hosting a day of teaching, worship, prayer and fellowship for women (in association with the Christian organisation, New Wine). If you would like to find out more, or might be interested in attending, please do speak to Hannah (who is leading the sung worship for the day).

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Carol Services - Thank you very much to all those who have supported, in any way, our trinity of Carol Services over the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. They have been meaningful occasions where we've been able to remember the story which draws us to celebrate the light, life and hope that God gives us in Christ. It is encouraging to record that these have all been well attended services, drawing people together - from near and far - in prayer and worship.

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.



THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 1st February 2026
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas



This morning - We complete our journey through the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany as we celebrate the feast of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, simultaneously looking back to the days of Jesus' nativity and ahead to the coming time of his passion, death and resurrection. At Candlemas we reach the turning point of the liturgical year, moving from the crib to the cross and asking that we too, like Simeon and Anna, might know Christ as our light, Lord and Saviour.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

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| Sun | 1st | Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas | 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm | Choir Practice Parish Eucharist for Candlemas Choral Candlemas Evensong |
| Mon | 2nd | The Presentation of Christ in the Temple | 5.30 pm | Handbell Practice |
| Tue | 3rd | Ordinary Time starts | 10.30 am 10.30 am | Parish Coffee Morning Funeral of Philip Barber, Church of the Ascension, Torrisholme |
| Wed | 4th | | 10.30 am 2.45 pm | Holy Communion Collective Worship - Beetham CE School |
| Thu | 5th | | 2.00 pm 5.30 pm | Holy Communion - Elmsfield House Tower Bell practice tbc |
| Fri | 6th | | | |
| Sat | 7th | | 10.30 am | Community Band |
| Sun | 8th | 2nd Sunday before Lent | 11.00 am 6.00 pm | Parish Eucharist Evensong |

Choral Evensong - This evening as we celebrate Candlemas there is a service of Choral Evensong at 6.00pm.

Holy Communion - Will be celebrated on Wednesday morning, at 10.30am, in the Lady Chapel.

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

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

Eucharist Readings: Malachi 3, v. 1 - 5 (Pg. 904 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Hebrews 2, v. 14 - 18 (Pg. 216 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Luke 2, v. 22 - 40 (Pg. 56 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **113** (When candles are lighted); **396** (Faithful vigil ended); **109** (When Jesus comes to be baptised); **74** (Like a candle flame); **80** (Of the Father's heart begotten, *omit vv. 3 & 4*)

Organ Voluntary: Bach goes to town, *Alec Templeton*

Choral Evensong Readings: Haggai 2, v. 1 - 9; John 2, v. 18 - 22

Hymns: **101** (In our darkness light has shone); **397** (Lord, now let your servant); **112** (New light has dawned)

Psalm 122

Anthem: Lead me, O Lord, *Andrew Gant*

Gospel Acclamation

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature.

Today the Blessed Virgin comes to be purified in accordance with the law. Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

For your Prayers

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

R.I.P.

Philip Barber. Luke Adams. Ray Hills.

Philip Barber

We record with sadness the passing of The Reverend Philip Barber, who served as parish priest here at St Michael and All Angels in the mid-1990s, trusting that he will now rest in the care and keeping of the Lord he served faithfully through his ministry. Philip's Funeral will take place at the Church of the Ascension, Torrisholme, (where he worshipped in recent years) at 10.30am on Tuesday 3rd February followed by committal at Beetham Hall at 12.30pm. Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

| Rotas for Today | |
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| First Reading | Jane Lever |
| Second Reading | Helena Nixon |
| Intercessions | Chris Roberts |
| Sidespeople/Offertory | Hilary Harman and Helena Nixon |
| Refreshments | Sue & Brian Smalley |
| Readers at Evensong | George Theobald |

Christmas Season 'Alleluia' - As we conclude our journey through the Epiphany season we sing the 'Alleluias' either side of the Gospel Reading for one last time (until Easter) this morning.

A Prayer for the new Archbishop of Canterbury - Earlier this week, Dame Sarah Mullally was duly confirmed in her election as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury (ahead of her service of installation and welcome in March) and is thus now duly and legally the Archbishop and Primate of All England. We pray for Archbishop Sarah, for the Church of England and for the Anglican Communion, as her ministry now begins.

Almighty and everlasting God, who did form your Church to be of one heart and one soul in the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit: renew her evermore in her first love; and grant to your people such a measure of thy grace that their life may be hallowed, their way directed, and their work made fruitful to the good of your Church and the glory of your holy name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Palm Crosses - As we look to the beginning of Lent, if you have any palm crosses at home from last year these can be returned to church over the coming weeks so that they can be used to prepare the ash for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.