

Notices

KEMC Week of Prayer - Over the first week of March (beginning on Sunday 1st) the churches of the Kent Estuary are being encouraged in a 'Week of Prayer' as we reflect and pray for the future. It is hoped that this will help inform and guide the conversations taking place locally regarding the potential way forward for our churches, commending all that we have and are to the care and keeping of God. More information will be available soon.

KEMC Open Meeting - Following the second Open Meeting for the Kent Estuary Mission Community the other week, the volunteer Working Group have produced a report that is available to take away at the back of church. It helps us reflect on what it might look like for the churches of the Kent Estuary to be a sustainable, lively and active Christian presence as we look to the future. The report does not represent a set of final decisions, but a proposed direction of travel as we look to the months and years ahead, which will be discussed and reflected upon locally and within the Diocese over the coming weeks.

Book Launch of the Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way - This new book, prepared by a small group from across the Kent Estuary churches, will be launched on the afternoon of Saturday 14th March by the Bishop of Carlisle. The book details six walks between our area's eight church buildings, encouraging exploration of our Christian heritage, the beauty around us and (most importantly) the faith we share. The launch will include the option to join the Bishop for a walk, plus an opportunity to share in refreshments and fellowship. More information will be available online and at the back of church soon but do note the date in your diaries.

Beetham School - We pray for our school community as the Spring half-term begins, that it may be a time of rest and refreshment for staff, pupils and families.

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.

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.

Church website: www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

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THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 15th February 2026

Sunday next before Lent



This morning - We arrive at the Sunday next before Lent, preparing once more for the long journey towards Easter. In our gospel reading we hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain and reflect on what it means to know and reflect God's light and presence in our lives of faith, asking that the vision of his glory and goodness will sustain us on our Lenten pilgrimage. We welcome Ian Service, Lay Reader at St James' Arnside as our preacher. There is Evensong, as usual, this evening at 6.00pm

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	15th	Sunday next before Lent	9.30 am 11.00 am 1.15 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Baptism Henry Robert Norman Ingham Evensong
Mon	16th			
Tue	17th	Shrove Tuesday	7.30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Supper at Heron Corn Mill
Wed	18th	Ash Wednesday	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Holy Communion (with ashing), St James', Arnside Holy Communion (with ashing)
Thu	19th		5.30 pm	Tower Bell practice <i>tbc</i>
Fri	20th			
Sat	21st		10.30 am	Community Band
Sun	22nd	Lent 1	9.30 am 11.00 am 1.15 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Baptism of Rory Shaw Chaplow Evensong

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is **Andrew Skinner**, whose contact details are: beethamsafeguarding@gmail.com and 07362 593076. Please do be in touch with him if you have any worries or concerns as we all do our utmost to keep one another safe here at St Michael and All Angels.



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Eucharist Readings: Exodus 24, v. 12 - 18 (Pg. 72 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); 2 Peter 1, v. 16 - 21 (Pg. 234 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Matthew 17, v. 1 - 9 (Pg. 17 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **2** (Christ, whose glory fills the skies); **602** (Blest are the pure in heart); **603** (Bright the vision that delighted); **281** ('Tis good, Lord, to be here); **Final Hymn** (Alleluia, song of sweetness, *see sheet*)

Organ Voluntary: *tbc*

Evensong Readings: Ecclesiasticus 48, v. 1 - 10; Matthew 17, v. 9 - 23

Hymns: **476** (Forth in thy name); **383** (Lord, thy word abideth); **783** (Stand up, and bless the Lord)

Psalm 84

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers

Susan Andrew. John Smith. Harry Parrott. Rosalie Woods. Shirley Grimshaw. Theresa Holden. Pat Barton.

R.I.P.

Philip Barber. Luke Adams. Ray Hills.

<u>Rotas for Today</u>	
First Reading	Rupert Villiers-Smith
Second Reading	Susie Villiers-Smith
Intercessions	George Theobald
Sidespeople/Offertory	Susie & Rupert Villiers-Smith
Refreshments	Ruth Myers and Jill Smith
Readers at Evensong	Andrew Schofield

Baptisms - We pray for Henry Robert Norman Ingham who is to be baptised at St Michael and All Angels this afternoon and Rory Shaw Chaplow who will be baptised next Sunday. We pray for the Lord's blessing on Henry and Rory, their parents and godparents - that they may know God's love and peace always.

Ash Wednesday - Is this coming Wednesday. As we begin this solemn season of prayer and preparation, reflection and self-examination, there will be a service of Holy Communion (with imposition of ashes) here at St Michael and All Angels at 7.00pm. If it is preferable there will also be another service, earlier in the day, at 10.00am at St James' Arnside. Hopefully these both will offer opportunities to gather in worship as we begin our journey to Easter once more.

'The Romans Course' - As we look to the start of Lent, 'The Romans Course' will be running in the Mission Community over the coming weeks (beginning on Wednesday 25th February). The Letter to the Romans is one of the most influential, and consequential, letters ever written, and learning about it together we hope will help us learn more about our shared faith in Christ. We will meet each week, for ten weeks (with a break after Easter) at Arnside Methodist Church Hall between 12.30pm and 2.00pm, with each session including a video and a time for discussion and learning together. If you want to bring and eat your lunch (in the company of others) please do so and refreshments will be served.