

Notices

Flower Festival - Continues today and tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to support our annual Flower Festival weekend. We are grateful to all those who have given generously of time, talent, effort and resource to make it possible. Please let your friends know about the Festival and invite them to come and see.

PCC - The new PCC met for the first time last week and we give thanks for all those who help serve the life of St Michael and All Angels in this way. It is appreciated. Amongst other discussions and conversations, the PCC appointed Charles Ellis as Secretary, Andy and Dorothy Macleod as (joint) Treasurers, Viv Stirrup as Vice-Chair, Andrew Skinner as Parish Safeguarding Officer and Jenny Marks as Electoral Roll Officer, together with members of the Standing Committee. We are very grateful to them all for being willing to support our shared church life through these particular roles.

Walking the Pilgrim Way - (*A spiritual 'footprint', a touch of history, a breath of fresh air*) - Join us for a 'pilgrimage experience' walk on The Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way. A chance to look and listen, to reflect on the past and the present and on the beauty of the landscape, or just a short afternoon social walk with others. All are welcome (dogs included!): Sunday 21st June: Levens Methodist Church to St Peter's, Heversham; Sunday 19th July: St. Peter's, Heversham to St. Thomas', Milnthorpe; Sunday 16th August: St. Thomas', Milnthorpe to St. Michael and All Angels, Beetham. All walks will start at 2.00pm (return transport able to be arranged).

The Alpha Course - Continues. It is a course purposefully designed for those seeing to know more about the Christian faith - giving space for learning, reflecting, sharing and most importantly questioning. If you would like to find out more, you can visit the Alpha website (www.alpha.org). Please do pray for all those taking part in the course over these weeks, that they'll know God's blessing as they ask questions and learn more about the truths of Christianity and the good news of God in Christ.

Aluminium Recycling - Please note that the recycling company will no longer accept blister packs. We still want drinks cans and tin foil/pie cases. These can be placed in the wheelie bin behind church or left in a back pew. For any large items or items you are unsure about contact Deborah, 07899702476, THANK YOU.

Foundation Governor - There remains (currently) one remaining vacancy to serve as a Foundation Governor at Beetham CE School, which we hope to be able to fill as soon as we can. If anyone knows of anyone who might appreciate serving the church and school in this way, please do have a word with Andrew.

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THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 24th May 2026

*Pentecost
Whit Sunday*



This morning - Alleluia! Christ is risen! We gather to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, known once more traditionally as Whit Sunday. We recall the day, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, on which the church remembers the gift of the Holy Spirit, in fulfilment of Jesus' promise to be with his friends till the end of the age. We pray then for the Spirit's presence, his gifts and guidance, in our own lives of faith; asking that we might seek to live out joyfully the good news that we are called to proclaim. Hannah is leading worship this morning at St Peter's, Heversham.

Choral Evensong - Choral Evensong - This evening, as we celebrate Pentecost, there is Choral Evensong at 6.00pm, to which all are very much welcome as we conclude our celebrations of Easter.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	24th	Pentecost Whit Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am 12.30 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Flower Festival Weekend Choral Evensong
Mon	25th	Spring Bank Holiday	10.00 am	Flower Festival
Tue	26th		11.00 am	Funeral of Gladys James
Wed	27th			
Thu	28th		5.30 pm	Tower Bell ringing practice <i>tbc</i>
Fri	29th	Oak Apple Day		
Sat	30th			
Sun	31st	Trinity Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong

Christian Aid Week - Although Christian Aid Week has now concluded, there are still donation envelopes available at the back of church to take away. Please share these with anyone who might appreciate giving to Christian Aid's important work around the world. Any financial support you are able to offer will be very much appreciated.

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.



Pentecost - Whit Sunday

Parish Eucharist Readings: Acts 2, v. 1 – 21 (Pg. 115 in the Pew Bible, N.T.); 1 Corinthians 12, v. 3 - 13; (Pg. 170 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: John 7, v. 37 – 39 (Pg. 97 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **238** (Come down, O love divine); **265** (There's a spirit in the air); **630** (Father, Lord of all creation); **261** (Spirit of holiness); **264** (The Spirit lives to set us free)

Organ Voluntary: Veni Creator (Verset IV), *Jean Titelouze, (c. 1562/3 - 1633)*

Evensong Readings: 2 Samuel 23, v. 1 - 5; Ephesians 1, v. 15 - end

Hymns: **246** (Holy Spirit, come, confirm us); **234** (Altogether in one place); **241** (Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire); **242** (Come, Holy Spirit, come)

Psalm 67

Antem: Quanta Qualia, *Patrick Hawes*

Gospel Acclamation

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers

Valerie Pearson. Helen Montgomery. Susan Andrew. John Smith. Harry Parrott. Rosalie Woods. Shirley Grimshaw. Theresa Holden. Pat Barton.

R.I.P.

Roy Connah. Gladys James. Matthew White. Cynthia Marks.

Gladys James - The Funeral of Gladys James will take place in St Michael and All Angels on Tuesday at 11.00am. We remember her in our prayers, recalling her faithful and dutiful service to this church community and our wider village and parish over so many years, trusting that she now rests in the nearer presence of the Lord whom she knew and trusted. We pray for her family at this time, that in their grief they may know the peace and hope of God.

Rotas for Today	
First Reading	George Theobald
Second Reading	Jane Lever
Intercessions	Jenny Marks
Sidespeople/Offertory	Freda Carey and Christine Wray
Refreshments	Sue & Brian Smalley
Readers at Evensong	Brian Smalley

Eastertide - The great fifty days of Easter reach their culmination today with Pentecost. We pray that we might know and share the risen life we have been rejoicing in over recent weeks, that the Spirit of God might direct and animate us as we journey through the rest of the church's year. As the ancient prayer puts it: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle within us the fire of God's love.

Eastertide Alleluias - During our keeping of Easter, up until the feast of Pentecost, we sing the 'Alleluias' either side of the Gospel Reading. A helpful way to remember the joy to which the season invites us as we seek to be an Easter people, with 'Alleluia' as our song.

Diocesan Petertide Ordinations - Please do, over the coming weeks, remember in prayer all those who will be ordained to serve across in our Diocese this Petertide (at the end of June). We remember Louise, Jo, Rachel and Sue to be ordained Deacon, and Sheryl, Allison and Andy who will be ordained Priest. May they know the Lord's help and grace as they look ahead to this next step in their ministry and vocation. We pray too for all those involved, across the Church of England, in fostering and discerning vocations, asking that we may know the Spirit's inspiration as we seek to follow in the way of Christ in our own lives of faith.