

## Notices

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - Will take place after the Parish Eucharist this morning. We are grateful to all those who helped to prepare the Annual Report, which has been available to read in preparation for the APCM (**Available on the website**). As always, there are lots of opportunities to support the life of the church here at St Michael and All Angels, with nomination forms available at the back of church for the vacancies that will be up for election - Churchwarden (three vacancies), Deanery Synod representatives (two vacancies),

PCC members (three vacancies). If anyone would like to find out more, or would like a conversation, please do speak to Andrew.

**Duck Day** - Another enjoyable day was had yesterday on the banks of the Bela for this year's annual Duck Day. Thank you to all those who were able, in any way, to support our collective efforts and endeavours. We are grateful for everyone's support, either through helping practically on the day or through buying tickets for the duck races. It is all sincerely appreciated.

**Career Opportunity!!** - The Flower Festival approaches at warp speed (23rd - 25th May). Owing to retirements and the ravages of time we are eager to recruit new members to the **Flower Arranging Team**. No experience needed - full training provided. If you would like to join our dynamic team, and help to maintain the traditions of floral excellence at St Michael & All Angels, please have a word with Dianne. **N.B. This opportunity is open to all, irrespective of age, gender or political affiliation!**

**The Consecration of the Bishop of Penrith** - On Thursday last week, it was a joy to see three new Bishops ordained and consecrated at York Minister to serve across the Dioceses of the Northern Province. Among these was Michael Leyden, called, appointed and now ordained as Bishop of Penrith to serve the people and places of our Diocese. As Bishop Michael's episcopal ministry begins, we assure him, his wife Anna and his family of our prayers as they look to a new chapter of life together. We look forward, immensely to Bishop Michael's partnership in the gospel with us here in Cumbria, asking that he may know encouragement, inspiration and guidance in all things as he helps to lead us, alongside Bishop Rob, in the way of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks from Milnthorpe Brownies** - Ella's stall at the back of church last Sunday raised a magnificent £104 towards 1st Milnthorpe Brownies' Activity Holiday. Many thanks from Ella and all the Brownies. And special congratulations and thanks to Ella (and her mum!) (and her grandma!) for having the initiative to set up the stall and for all their hard work in baking and decorating the delicious cakes and preparing the plants and other items.

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

**'Rest & Reset'** - This bi-monthly service of Christian meditation takes place this Tuesday, 5th May, at 6.15pm at St James' Arnside - an opportunity to set time aside for God aided by music, silence, and reflection.

**Aluminium Recycling** - Please note that the recycling company will **no longer accept blister packs**. We appreciate your continued support by recycling aluminium cans, pie trays and foil to go towards our building maintenance appeal.



# THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS



Sunday 3rd May 2026

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**This morning** - We gather on the Fifth Sunday of Easter to meet with Christ in word and sacrament, asking for grace that we may live out our calling to be God's 'Easter people' in the world. There is Evensong, as usual, at 6.00pm this evening.

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	3rd	Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 11.00 am 12.15 pm 6.00 pm	Choir practice Parish Eucharist Annual Parish Meetings Evensong
Mon	4th	Early May Bank Holiday		
Tue	5th		10.30 am 12.15 pm 6.15 pm	Parish Coffee Morning Handbell Practice 'Rest and Reset', service of Christian meditation, St James', Arnside
Wed	6th		10.30 am 11.30 am  12.30 pm  2.45 pm	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> Visit from the Bishop of Blackburn's Leadership Team 'The Romans Course' (final session) - Arnside Methodist Church Collective Worship, Beetham CE School
Thu	7th		5.30 pm	Tower Bell ringing practice <i>tbc</i>
Fri	8th		11.30 am	The Alpha Course, St James', Arnside
Sat	9th		10.30 am	Community Band
Sun	10th	Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday Christian Aid Week	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir practice Parish Eucharist Evensong

**Revision of the Electoral Roll 2026** - A copy of the church Electoral Roll is available to view at the back of church This has been revised for this year's Annual Meeting and stands at 74 names

**Christian Aid Week** - This year runs from Sunday 10th - Saturday 16th May, the annual opportunity for us to be reminded of the vitally important work of Christian Aid across the world. There will be donation envelopes available at the back of church to enable this to happen, and - once again - we would be grateful for any financial support you are able to offer to this year's appeal.



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Parish Eucharist Readings:** Acts 7, v. 55 – 60 (Pg. 122 in the Pew Bible, N.T.); 1 Peter 2, v. 2 - 10 (Pg. 230 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

**Gospel:** John 14, v. 1 – 14 (Pg. 105 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

**Hymns:** **208** (Light's glittering morn); **475** (Forth in the peace of Christ); **709** (Light of the minds that know him); **165** (An upper room did our Lord prepare); **818** (To God be the glory)

**Organ Voluntary:** Chorale, *Malcolm Archer*

**Evensong Readings:** Zechariah 4, v. 1 - 10; Revelation 21, v.1 - 14

**Hymns:** **283** (Fill your hearts); **683** (Jerusalem the golden); **702** (Lead us, heavenly Father)

**Psalm 147**, v. 1 - 12

### Gospel Acclamation

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### For your Prayers

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

### R.I.P.

Gladys James. Matthew White. Cynthia Marks. Charles Edmondson. Kenneth Stuart Hackett. Joan Deakin. Rosemary Buchanan.

<b>Rotas for Today</b>	
First Reading	Darrell Lancaster
Second Reading	Susan Turner
Intercessions	Sue Smalley
Sidespeople/Offertory	Deborah & Darrell Lancaster
Refreshments	Jenny Andrews and Jane Theobald
Readers at Evensong	George Theobald

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!** - May the joy and promise of the risen Lord fill our hearts and lives in this Easter season as we rejoice in the good news of Jesus risen from the dead. We continue our journey through the great fifty days of Eastertide rejoicing in the goodness and grace of God, who in Christ has swallowed up death forever and opened forever the gates of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**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.

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

**Visit from the Bishop of Blackburn** - On Wednesday the Bishop of Blackburn (and the Bishop's Leadership Team of the Diocese of Blackburn) are visiting St Michael and All Angels en route to beginning their annual residential here in the Diocese of Carlisle. They will be celebrating the Eucharist here at 11.30am. We assure them of our prayers as they spend time here in Beetham and for their time of retreat here in Cumbria.

**Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist** - On Thursday 14th May, we will celebrate Ascension Day (the fortieth day of Easter), remembering the return of the risen Jesus to the throne of heaven. As is the tradition in our Deanery, we gather for a joint celebration, this year at St Peter's Heversham at 7.30pm. We will welcome as our preacher The Reverend Jennifer Totney, the newly appointed Diocesan Ministry Development Lead. All are very welcome and invited to come along. Earlier in the day there will also be a service of Holy Communion here, at St Michael and All Angels, at 10.30am.