

Notices

Net Zero Grant Award - It is good to be able to report that following an application to the Diocesan 'Quick Wins Net-Zero Fund' (made possible through a Net-Zero grant from The Church of England's Archbishop's Council) we have received funding of £1,850 to enable us to make all lights inside the church LED compatible. This will not only serve to improve the lighting scheme in church, but will also help - considerably - with our electricity costs (the current lighting is, due to its poor energy-efficiency, quite expensive to run). It is hoped that the work will be able to be completed soon.

Summary Note following meeting of Kent Estuary church councils with Canon Benjamin Carter (held on 21st July). - Bishop Rob has asked Canon Benjamin Carter (Canon Warden at Carlisle Cathedral) to support the eight KEMC churches as we seek further to progress our endorsed 'direction of travel'. He had an initial discussion with members of the church councils on Tuesday 21st July. Following this he is to have further conversations with the KEMC Leadership Team in the early autumn with a view to identifying a plan for how he can help us over the remainder of the year. The four main themes emerging from this initial discussion were: 1) Prayer - how it can continue to be the bedrock of the way forward and how our individual and collective prayer for the life and witness of the Church can be fostered and supported. 2) Ministry - how we can grow a wider ministry, what that might look like and how it and it might be developed. 3) Leadership - what it means and how it can work in our context. 4) Resources - how our churches and our shared church life can best support and reach out to our communities. He also highlighted that looking at new ways of doing things and of being the Church together brings a mix of emotions: fear/excitement/joy/grief. The Leadership Team will be working with Benjamin to plan some specific pieces of action for the coming months, so please look out for further updates in due course.

Organ Afternoon Tea - On Saturday, 5th September, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church organ, there will be Afternoon Tea accompanied by musical items from Geoff Field and friends. Tickets are available from Jenny Marks, £10 including tea, and cake, and (perhaps) strawberries.

Walking the Pilgrim Way - The third Pilgrim Way walk of the summer months will take place on Sunday 16th August (walking from St Thomas' Milnthorpe to St Michael and All Angels Beetham), beginning at 2.00pm. All are very welcome.

The Bereavement Journey - Beginning on Thursday 27th August, The Bereavement Journey course will begin once again, meeting at St Thomas' Milnthorpe between 12.15pm and 3.45pm for seven weeks. More details can be found at www.thebereavementjourney.org. If you wish to find out more or would like to book a place, please do contact Lesley (dianalesley@btinternet.com / 01524 951566).

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THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Ninth Sunday after Trinity



This morning - We come together on the Ninth Sunday after Trinity to meet with Christ in word and sacrament at the beginning of a new week. We pray for the Lord's help and grace in the days ahead. There is Evensong, as usual, this evening at 6.00pm.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	2nd	Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)	9.30 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Burial of Ashes - Gladys and Fred James Evensong
Mon	3rd			
Tue	4th		10.30 am	Parish Coffee Morning
Wed	5th		10.30 am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
Thu	6th	The Transfiguration of our Lord	11.00 am 5.30 pm	Funeral of Valerie Pearson Tower Bell ringing practice <i>tbc</i>
Fri	7th			
Sat	8th		10.30 am	Community Band <i>tbc</i>
Sun	9th	Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong

Parish Coffee Morning - All are welcome this Tuesday (4th August) from 10.30am for our next gathering, an opportunity to share in conversation, refreshment and fellowship together. Please do tell others and invite them to come along.

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

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.



Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist Readings: Isaiah 55, v. 1 – 5 (Pg. 696 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Romans 9, v. 1 - 5 (Pg. 154 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: Matthew 14, v. 13 - 21 (Pg. 15 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **766** (Praise my soul, the King of heaven); **652** (Guide me, O thou great redeemer); **422** (Alleluia, sing to Jesus); **436** (Christians, lift your hearts and voices); **484** (You shall go out with joy)

Organ Voluntary: Fugue in C major BWV 547, *JS Bach*

Evensong Readings: 1 Kings 10, v. 1 - 13; Acts 13, v. 1 - 13

Hymns: **536** (Creator God, the world around); **770** (Restore in us, O God); **676** (Immortal, invisible)

Psalm: 80

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers

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

R.I.P.

Valerie Pearson. Shirley Grimshaw. Roy Connah. Gladys James. Matthew White. Cynthia Marks.

Burial of Ashes

This afternoon, at 1.00pm, Gladys James' ashes (together with those of her husband Fred) will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance in the new burial ground. We pray that the whole family may know the continued reassurance of God's comfort and peace.

Funeral

We remember the family of Valerie Pearson as they prepare for her Funeral here, at St Michael and All Angels, on Thursday morning, that they know the comfort and peace of Christ at this time. 'Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.'

<u>Rotas for Today</u>	
First Reading	Jane Theobald
Second Reading	George Theobald
Intercessions	Chris Roberts
Sidespeople/Offertory	Kath & Lance Conlon
Refreshments	Jenny Andrews and Jane Theobald
Readers at Evensong	Ann Robinson

Eucharistic Prayer - During the month of August we will use Eucharistic Prayer B (page 12 of the Ordinary Time booklets).

New Book of the Gospels - At the beginning of this morning's Eucharist a new Book of The Gospels will be blessed and dedicated. The Book is a gift from two members of the church, in order that it might be well-used in the months and years to come. We give thanks for this act of generosity and pray for God's blessing on us all as continue through our worship to listen to the good news proclaimed in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Banns of Marriage - We look forward to celebrating the marriage of Nikita Fairchild and Stephen Armstrong here at St Michael and All Angels on Saturday 12th September, praying for them both as they look ahead to this day. In preparation for this Nikita and Stephen's Banns of Marriage will be read and published over the coming weeks, this morning for the first time of asking. We ask that they may know the peace and love of the Lord as they prepare for their married life together.