

## Notices

**Shrove Tuesday Supper** - Thank you to all those who came along on Tuesday evening for our Shrove Tuesday supper. It was good to gather and share food, fellowship and quizzing together. We are thankful to all those who contributed and help to make the evening so happy and successful.

**Village Soup Lunch** - All are welcome to join us here in church this coming Tuesday for our Village Soup Lunch between 12.00 pm and 1.30 pm - we'll be serving soup and scones in aid of our fabric repair appeal. Thank you to all those who've dedicated time and effort to making this possible. Please do come along if you can and invite friends and neighbours to join you!

**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.

**Way Forward for the KEMC** - The report (produced by the volunteer Working Group) 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 is being 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.

**'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.



## THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 22nd February 2026

*First Sunday of Lent*



**This morning** - We gather on The First Sunday of Lent, following the season's beginning on Ash Wednesday. We pray for grace and help from the Holy Spirit to keep Lent faithfully as we walk the way of Christ's temptation, passion, death and resurrection; asking that we might be inspired and guided in our lives of faith and witness. There is Evensong this evening, as usual, at 6.00pm.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun	22nd	Lent 1	11.00 am 1.15 pm 6.00 pm	Parish Eucharist Baptism of Rory Shaw Chaplow Evensong
Mon	23rd		11.00 am	Handbell practice
Tue	24th	Matthias the Apostle	12.00 noon 12.00 noon 2.00 pm	NISCU Lunch Club - Dallam School Village Soup Lunch in church KEMC History Group Meeting - Old School, Heversham
Wed	25th	Ember Day	12.30 pm  2.45 pm  7.30 pm	'The Romans Course', Arnside Methodist Church Collective Worship, Beetham CE School Kendal Deanery Synod, St Oswald's, Burneside
Thu	26th		5.30 pm	Tower Bell practice <i>tbh</i>
Fri	27th	Ember Day	2.00 pm	Funeral of Joan Deakin
Sat	28th	Ember Day	10.30 am	Community Band
Sun	1st	Lent 2 St David's Day	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Eucharist Evensong

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is **Andrew Skinner**, whose contact details are: [beethamsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## First Sunday of Lent

**Eucharist Readings:** Genesis 2, v. 15 - 17; 3, v. 1 - 7 (Pg. ? in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Romans 5, v. 12 - 19 (Pg. ? in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

**Gospel:** Matthew 4, v. 1 – 11 (Pg. ? in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

**Hymns:** **646** (God is working his purpose out); **702** (Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us); **121** (Forty days and forty nights); **752** (O love that wilt not let me go); **128** (Jesus, lover of my soul)

**Organ Voluntary:** Prelude and Fugue in B flat major (BWV560), *J S Bach (1685 - 1750)*

**Evensong Readings:** Deuteronomy 6, v. 4 - 9, 16 - end; Luke 15, v. 1 - 10

**Hymns:** **755** (Oft in danger); **812** (Through all the changing scenes of life); **721** (Love divine, all loves excelling)

**Psalm 50**, v. 1 - 15

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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.

Linda Baverstock. Arthur Moss. Philip Barber. Luke Adams. Ray Hills.

### Arthur Moss

We record the passing, at one hundred years of age, of Arthur Moss, Emeritus Lay Reader at Holy Trinity, Kendal who used to worship occasionally with us here at St Michael and All Angels. We pray that he may know the joyful fulfilment of faith in the Lord's heavenly kingdom.

<b><u>Rotas for Today</u></b>	
First Reading	Valerie Cookson
Second Reading	Ann Robinson
Intercessions	Andy MacLeod
Sidespeople/Offertory	Valerie Cookson and Ann Robinson
Refreshments	Julie & Colin Clarke
Readers at Evensong	Jane Theobald

**Baptisms** - We pray for Rory Shaw Chaplow who is to be baptised at St Michael and All Angels this afternoon and for Henry Robert Norman Ingham who was baptised last 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.

**Funeral** - We pray for the family of Joan Deakin whose Funeral will take place this week at St Michael and All Angels, that they will know the Lord's comfort and peace. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**KEMC Gathering** - The next KEMC Gathering will take place on Sunday 8th March at 10.30am at St Peter's, Heversham. These quarterly opportunities to gather all together as the Mission Community are valued in bringing our church communities together in worship and prayer. We give thanks for all those giving up time and effort to prepare for this united service over the coming weeks.

**KEMC Choir** - As we look ahead to the next KEMC Gathering, there is an opportunity to join the joint choir who will help lead the worship during the service, including singing the anthem 'Lord, I trust thee' by Handel. The rehearsals will take place at St Peter's Heversham on the evening of Friday 6th March and then on Sunday 8th March (before the beginning of the service). If you would like to be part of the joint choir (all are welcome) please do contact Geoff Field (music.field@outlook.com) who will be able to share the details of the music.