

Notices

Thank You - Following his decision to move and relocate, we record our gratitude to The Reverend Andrew Schofield for his priestly ministry to St Michael and All Angels in retirement over recent years. It has been lovely to benefit from Andrew's ministry (again) and we pray that he will know peace, with every good wish and the promise of God's blessing as he steps into this new chapter of life and ministry.

KEMC Songs of Praise - This coming Tuesday (29th September) the Kent Estuary Mission Community will host a Songs of Praise at Arnside Methodist Church (beginning around 11.00am), with music led by Beetham Community Band. This is coordinated alongside the local 'walks for all' initiative, offering support for those suffering with dementia and their carers. All are welcome to come along.

Foundation Governors - As a matter of some urgency, we are looking to recruit two new Foundation Governors to serve on the Governing Body at Beetham School, and important role which helps support the life and ministry of our church and parish. We are grateful to Viv Stirrup who, after three consecutive terms of office, has decided not to seek re-appointment and we're thankful to her for all that she has done to support the life of our School. If you might be interested in serving the school and church in this way, please do have a conversation with Andrew to find out more.

The Prayer Course - Begins this Wednesday, meeting between 12.30 - 2.15pm at Arnside Methodist Church for eight weeks. The course has been designed in partnership with the 24-7 Prayer movement and aims to help grow and deepen our lives of prayer, as individuals and as the church. So, if you think this might be helpful to you, please do come along - all are welcome! Drinks will be served, and there is an invitation to bring your lunch to eat (if you would like to) before the session begins.

Harvest Supper - Friday 9th October, in Heron Corn Mill Barn. Hot Pot Supper, followed by Dessert Island Discs with our mystery guest. Tickets available from Dianne Lomax. Put the date in your diary.

Beetham School - During the last week our School was visited by Ofsted for a two-day inspection, thus demanding a great deal of Abi our Headteacher, the staff, children and Governing Body. Though the outcome of the inspection remains confidential for the time being, the Governing Body are pleased with the outcome. We keep the whole school community very much in our prayers as they make their way through the autumn term.

KEMC Direction of Travel - In Hannah's new role, she would love to hear from anyone that might have questions or want to chat about the 'Direction of travel' that's been proposed for the KEMC. Please do be in touch with her - revhannahwallace@gmail.com / 01524 449035.

KEMC Prayer Ministry Training Opportunity - If you're interested in praying for others in a church setting and would like to be trained following the Diocesan guidelines, we are running a training session 10am - 12noon on Monday 5th October at St James Arnside (led by Annie Garden from the Diocesan team). Please be in touch with Hannah - revhannahwallace@gmail.com / 01524 449035 - before Friday 2nd Oct if you'd like to book in.



THE CHURCH OF BEETHAM ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sunday 27th September 2026

Michaelmas

Patronal Festival



Happy Michaelmas - We gather around the Lord's table this morning on our Patronal Festival as we celebrate Michaelmas and give thanks for the ministry and assistance of all the angels of God. Thank you to all those who have helped to decorate the church, so wonderfully, to celebrate this important day in our church calendar, as we give thanks for the ministry of Christ's church in this place and in our lives. This evening, at 6.00pm, there is a service of Choral Evensong for Michaelmas, so please do come along if you can.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & EVENTS				
Sun	27th	St Michael & All Angels Michaelmas Patronal Festival	9.30 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Patronal Eucharist Choir Practice Choral Evensong for Michaelmas
Mon	28th			
Tue	29th	Michael and All Angels	11.00 am 12.30 pm	Songs of Praise (with Walks for All walking group) - Arnside Methodist Church KEMC Lunchtime Club (with NISCU) - Dallam School
Wed	30th		12.30 pm 2.45 pm 5.00 pm	The Prayer Course (week 1) - Arnside Methodist Church Hall Collective Worship, Beetham CE School KEMC Leadership Team Meeting - Old School, Heversham
Thu	1st		1.00 - 3.00 pm	The Bereavement Journey, (Week 6), St Thomas', Milnthorpe
Fri	2nd			
Sat	3rd		10.30 am	Community Band
Sun	4th	Harvest Festival 18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Parish Harvest Eucharist Harvest Songs of Praise



Patronal Festival Michaelmas

Eucharist Readings: Genesis 28, v. 10 - 17 (Pg. 25 in the Pew Bible, O.T.); Revelation 12, v. 7 - 12 (Pg. 250 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Gospel: John 1, v. 35 - 51 (Pg. 89 in the Pew Bible, N.T.)

Hymns: **826** (Ye holy angels bright); **590** (As Jacob with travel was weary one day); **626** (Father in whom we live); **601** (Blessed assurance); **589** (Angel voices ever singing)

Organ Voluntary: *Ceremonial March*, Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Choral Evensong Readings: Daniel 10, v. 4 - 21; Revelation 5

Hymns: **323** (Christ the fair glory of the holy angels); **753** (O praise ye the Lord); **663** (How shall I sing that majesty)

Psalms: **138, 148**

Anthem: *Quanta Qualia*, Patrick Hawes

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

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

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through 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.

Sue Parkinson. Valerie Pearson. Shirley Grimshaw.

<u>Rotas for Today</u>	
First Reading	Dennis Wright
Second Reading	Jenny Marks
Intercessions	Viv Stirrup
Sidespeople/Offertory	Ann Robinson and Dennis Wright
Refreshments	Julie & Colin Clarke
Readers at Evensong	Jenny Gardiner

Eucharistic Prayer - During the month of September we will use **Eucharistic Prayer E** (page 15 of the Ordinary Time booklets).

Harvest Festival - We will celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving next Sunday, raising the song of harvest home, giving thanks for all those who work to provide for our daily needs, and praying for all those who need our help and support. Beetham School will hold their Harvest celebration on Friday 9th October at 2.45pm here in church.

Harvest Donations - We will, once again, be encouraging donations of foodstuffs this harvest-time to the Milnthorpe Area Food Bank, a way of showing our Christian love and care through supporting its important and valued work in our local communities. Please do bring your donations to church over the coming days/weeks (before Friday 9th October) and leave them in the pews at the back of church.

Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2026 - As we celebrate Harvest, we will, alongside other churches in the Diocese, be inviting support for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. This will seek to support two partner projects: the work of Christian Aid in Burkina Faso and the Church Mission Society (CMS) in Northern Argentina (one of Carlisle's link dioceses). There are leaflets about this year's appeal available at the back of church.