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THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW Parish Newsletter – April 2018



St George, Our Patron Saint

On 23 April, we will celebrate the feast day of St George, Martyr, and the patron saint of England. But what do we know about him? Who was he, and why is he our patron saint? The answers to these questions are not easy, as it is quite difficult to separate fact from myth. He is popularly identified with English ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry, but he wasn't English at all. He was born in Turkey and lived in the 3rd century AD. His parents were Christian and, after moving to Palestine, George became a Roman soldier. He rose through the ranks but then began to protest about Rome's persecution of Christians. In consequence, he was imprisoned and tortured and later beheaded on the orders of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. It is said that Diocletian's wife was so impressed by George's resilience that she too became a Christian, and was put to death for her faith. It was only in 1222 that 23 April was named as St George's Day. The image of St George that is most familiar to us is of him dressed in a white tunic with a red cross, astride his horse and skewering a dragon as he rescues a fair maiden, but this story only achieved mass circulation after it was printed in 1483 by Caxton in a book called The Golden Legend. George is also the patron saint of many other towns and countries, including Portugal, Germany and Greece. He is also the patron saint of soldiers, and of farmers and field workers, as well as to those suffering from leprosy and plague.

SERVICES		
APRIL	BELTINGHAM/ HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
1 April Easter Day	6.30 am Haydon Old Church – The Liturgy of Easter 9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist 11 am Haydon Bridge – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	
8 April Easter 2	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
15 April Easter 3	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	3pm God’s Tent – pitched at Allenbanks	
22 April Easter 4	8.30 am Haydon Bridge – BCP Communion 10 am – Easter Celebration Service (Haydon Bridge)	
Saturday 28 April	10.30 am – Messy Church - Henshaw	
29 April Easter 5	9.30 am Henshaw – BCP Matins	11 am BCP Communion
	5 pm – Haydon Old Church – Evening Prayer	
6 May Easter 6	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church

Parish Registers

Burial of Ashes

The ashes of Dorothy Pigg were buried on 4 March 2018, alongside those of her husband William in their family plot in Henshaw Churchyard.

Letter from the Vicar - The Reverend Dr Benjamin Carter

Through the weeks after Easter we spend time blinking in the brilliant light of what God has done for us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like the first Christians we spend time trying to come to terms with what this extraordinary act means for us and our lives. One of the chief ways through which we do this is by spending time with those stories we have in the Gospels of Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection.

Perhaps the most famous of these is the story of the road to Emmaus. Set on the afternoon of the first Easter, two of Jesus’ disciples are walking away from Jerusalem towards the village of Emmaus. This is not a gentle stroll but a hurried walk, fearful of what will happen when the authorities discover that Jesus’ body is not in the tomb in which he was laid three days earlier. On the road they meet a stranger and they tell him everything that has happened in the last few days.

Unbeknownst to them, this stranger is the risen Jesus who explains that everything God has done on that first Easter was promised through the story of scripture. Then, coming to a roadside inn, the disciples ask the stranger to eat with them. It is only there, as the stranger takes bread, blesses and breaks it, that they realise they have been in the presence of the risen Jesus all this time.

For many this story has become the archetype for our worship where we share in the story of scripture and break bread with one another. Through this, we know that when two or three are gathered Jesus is in the midst of us. But more than this, the story reminds us that the risen Lord walks with all of us through life: that in the resurrection God reaches into the graves we dig for ourselves and brings us to new life in him. We might not recognise him and we might not even acknowledge him but in the resurrection we are invited by God to know again his transforming presence with us and through his Spirit to know that Jesus is with us until the end of the age.

Have a very happy and blessed Easter, your Vicar,
Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

Have you checked out our new website recently? You will find us at www.parishesbythewall.org.uk and will see on the news page some of the recent activities written up with photographs. There are links to face book and twitter accounts and photographs of the MU lunch and the children's activities at Messy Church and in God's Tent.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This important church meeting will be held on 8 April after the church service at approximately 10.30 am in All Hallows' Henshaw. Papers relevant to the meeting are on display at both churches in the parish. At this meeting the church officers are appointed and elections to the PCC take place. Reports are tabled about the life of the church over the past year.

Donations for the Newsletter

Several people have asked if they could make a donation towards the cost of producing the newsletter. If you wish to do so please either give it to the person delivering your newsletter or leave with Michael in the Bardon Mill Village Shop. Thank you.

Postage for Newsletter

If you receive this newsletter by post, payment for postage is now due. Please send £6 to Keith Brunton, Whitegates, Henshaw, Bardon Mill NE47 7EP.

Diocesan Link Newspaper

Publication dates for Link do not fit with delivery of the newsletter in April. Copies of Link will be available at both churches if you wish to pick one up.



Next pitching is at 3 pm on Sunday 15 April at Allenbanks.

The events take place at 3 pm on certain Sundays. The idea is to develop activities for the 7 to 11 age group. The children come with a parent. Each event culminates in an act of worship.

Mothers' Union

13 April – Diocesan Council, Kingston Park.

25 April – Mrs Maureen Chapman 'Women of the Bible', Henshaw.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

On **Thursday 10 May at 6 pm (Ascension Day)** there will be a Service at St Cuthbert's Beltingham, conducted by the Very Rev'd Michael Sadgrove, **followed by a fundraising supper at the Old Vicarage. Tickets for the supper are £15 from Anne Galbraith on 344702.**

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Carers Northumberland

This is a charity supporting family or friends who are unpaid carers in Northumberland. If you know a carer, do tell them that they can call 01670-320025 for confidential support. If all the carers in Northumberland were unable to continue caring the lost value to the county would be £722 million. The charity runs support groups and has a monthly newsletter with information about events for carers.

Henshaw School News

It has been a very busy time at Henshaw Primary in the run up to Easter. All the children have been learning about the story of Easter through drama, Godly play, story and song. Reverend Benjamin's school service focused on the symbol of the cross. We have had a celebration assembly in All Hallows' Church. Now we are looking forward to our Easter celebrations with our friends at Greenhead on Wednesday 28 March and our Easter Fayre on Thursday 29 March, which our key stage 2 children and our young leaders have organised.

VILLAGE NEWS

Cafe Scientifique Tuesday 1 May (7-9pm) at B Mill Village Hall

'Do You Know What You're Eating?' by Lou Close, Ambassador for Compassionate Farming. The talk will unravel the truth about the meat and dairy products in your fridge and the cost of factory farming to you, the animals and the environment. Tickets £5 including refreshments. Tickets can be booked via www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/477028 (the booking fee has been removed).

Zumba Gold at Bardon Mill Village Hall

Every Wednesday from 10-1045 am. Low impact, easy to follow dance exercise for all ages and abilities and for both men and women. Please ring Ruth Murray on 07794-675715 for details.

Haltwhistle Garden Club

On Monday 23 April – trip to Muncaster Castle. Contact Godfrey Walker 322369 for details.

South Tyne Wildlife Group, Comrades Club, Haltwhistle

Tuesday 10 April – 'Titbits from Transylvania' (birds, butterflies, bears and more) with Libby Scott at 7.30 pm. £3 – all welcome.

Womens' Institute

Wednesday 11 April – Anya – 'Satins and Silks'; Hostesses: Isabella Ferrol and Dawn Darling; Competition: An Evening Bag; Stall: Bring & Buy.

Hexham Debates – Saturday 21 April from 11-12.30 pm

Dan Gunn, former Prison Governor for Barlinnie Special Unit – Prison, Prisoners, Politics and Power. Debating – and perhaps putting in some sort of hierarchical order – the pros and cons of punishment, deterrence, rehabilitation and incapacitation arouses strong emotions

and often entrenches already polarised and polarising views. Do prisons simply reflect social inequality or do they reinforce it? Where does power rest in a prison? Debate held at St Mary's Centre, Hencotes – admission free (retiring collection).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme

At Bardon Mill Village Hall on Friday 11 May at 7.30 pm 'Gone Cuckoo' with Malcolm Green, story-teller.

Jango Starr's One Man's Shoe

Wednesday 30 May at 2 pm at the Village Hall

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Giant Jam Sandwich has been replaced by the above. This is a hilarious journey of silent comedy for 5 year olds and above.

Tickets from Geeta on 344424 or geetabannister@googlemail.com.

HALTWHISTLE PLANT FESTIVAL

On Saturday 19 May from 9.30 am until 3.30 pm at the Leisure Centre, Haltwhistle. The usual treats of plants, crafts and food. Enquiries to Libby on 344582.

ROTAS				
April	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
1 April	Beltingham	W Green	J Hayward/ D Storrie	Group effort
8 April	Henshaw	A Storrie	P Collingwood/ L Slater	“
15 April	Beltingham	A Galbraith	L Scott/ D McKenna	A Galbraith/ G Jackson
29 April	Henshaw	A Storrie	S Walker/ J Galbraith	C Thompson/ D Furlong
6 May	Beltingham	W Green	H Rowlands/ D Storrie	“