

Letter from the Vicar

The term “Christian” was not one which was known to the earliest followers of Jesus Christ. Instead they spoke of themselves as followers of “The Way”. Some scholars believe that this was a name given to his followers by Jesus himself who, in John’s Gospel, speaks of himself as “the way, and the truth, and the life.” Although not a name used by many followers of Jesus today, its implicit meaning is one which is known to all people of faith. Faith is not a destination but a journey. To live the life of faith is to walk through life seeking and knowing more truly God’s purposes for each one of us, and God’s ongoing love and concern for his world.

For many this is experienced and understood in a physical journey of pilgrimage. I am writing this on the feast day of St James, and as I write thousands of followers of “The Way” will complete their journey of faith, the Camino, in a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St James at Compostela in northern Spain (and for those unable to get to Compostela there is a very fine film called “The Way” starring Martin Sheen on this very theme). Pilgrimages, journeys of faith, are also a part of our landscape. Earlier this summer I was fortunate to walk a section of Hadrian’s Wall with a friend who was walking the Wall as a personal pilgrimage in memory of his brother. And centuries ago the monks of Lindisfarne walked through this landscape carrying the body of their patron, St Cuthbert, as they sought refuge from Viking raiders. Over the weekend of 2/3 September we will be marking “*The Way of Cuthbert*”*. We will be celebrating and reflecting on this great journey of faith, in prayer, in worship (not least in a service of Choral Evensong) and in pilgrimage from Haydon Old Church to St Cuthbert’s, Beltingham. This will be an opportunity for us to spend time in our landscape, to find ourselves and God in this place. I hope that you will want to come and be part of this weekend, not only to spend time in our glorious landscape, but to discover that great truth known to all pilgrims; that the purpose of a pilgrimage is not whether we get somewhere but what we discover on the way.

Benjamin

***See flyer enclosed**

CHURCH NEWS

Welcome – to Gill Alexander our new Curate.

MU – Thursday 17 August, visit from St Columba’s Wideopen from 2.00-4.30 pm at Bardon Mill Village Hall. **Wednesday 27 September**, ‘Blood Bikes’ (Mr Nigel Barlow) at Henshaw.

Summer Tea Party (please note changed date)

At All Hallows’ Henshaw on **Tuesday 5 September** from **3-5 pm** to thank our congregation for the many ways in which they support the church.

PCC – the next meeting will be on **Thursday 28 September** at 7.30 pm in the Henshaw Church Room.

More ‘thank you’s’

Very many thanks for all the help and contributions for the coffee morning. Grateful thanks to all who responded to the Vicar’s appeal – it’s not too late if you’d like to respond.

NOTES AND NOTICES

The Last Verge Walk of this Season

Tuesday 8 August at Caw Gap at 7 pm – more info phone Lesley 607988.

WI - Wednesday 9 August Summer Outing and on **Wednesday**

13 September Stella Charlton (Prison nurse/midwife); hostesses: Maureen Brook & Barbara Killen; competition: a bib; stall: bring & buy (visitors from Halton Lea Gate & Catton).

Bardon Mill History Group

Meeting on Monday 7 August has been cancelled and on **Monday 4 September**, walk and talk with Alison Higgs ‘Haltwhistle Burn Industrial History’ at 2 pm the Burn Car Park.

Cafe Scientifique

Tuesday 5 September at 7 pm at the Village Hall. Gordon Beakes ‘Mushrooms and Toadstools, the deadly and the delightful’ – an insight into the world of mycology.

South Tyne Wildlife Group

Tuesday 12 September - Ruth Starr-Kettle from the North Pennines AONB ‘Plugging the Gaps’ (restoration of hay meadows). Comrades Club 7.30 pm - £3 all welcome.

		ROTAS		
AUG/SEPT	CHURCH	WARDEN	SIDESMAN	FLOWERS
6 August	Henshaw	C Adams	Collingwood /Slater	C Thompson /D Furlong
13 August	Henshaw	A Storrie	L Scott/ J Hayward	“

20 August	Beltingham	W Green	S Walker/ D McKenna	A Galbraith/ G Jackson
27 August	Beltingham	Galbraith	Rowlands/ Galbraith	Galbraith/ Jackson
10 September	Henshaw	Adams	Collingwood /Slater	Brunton/ Hartley/ Collingwood
17 September	Beltingham	Green	Scott/ Hayward	“
24 September	Henshaw	Storrie	Walker/ McKenna	Scott/ Galbraith
1 October	Beltingham	Galbraith	Hewitt/ Galbraith	Harding/ Storey/ Walters

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	SERVICES	
AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER	BELTINGHAM/ HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
6 August Trinity 8	9.30 am Parish Eucharist (BCP) – Henshaw	11 am Parish Eucharist (BCP)
13 August Trinity 9	9.30 am Parish Eucharist - Henshaw	11 am Parish Eucharist
20 August Trinity 10	9.30 am Parish Eucharist - Beltingham	11 am Parish Eucharist
27 August Trinity 11	9.30 am Parish Eucharist – Beltingham	11 am Parish Eucharist
		5 pm Evening Worship in Haydon Old Church
Saturday 2 September The Way of Cuthbert	9 am Morning Prayer with reflection at Haydon Old Church followed by Pilgrimage walk to Beltingham	
	6 pm Choral Evensong at Beltingham followed by fundraising reception at The Old Vicarage	
3 September Feast of the Translation of St Cuthbert	10 am – Benefice Patronal Eucharist with Storybook Church at St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge	
10 September Trinity 13	9.30 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church - Henshaw	11 am Parish Eucharist
17 September Trinity 14	9.30 am Parish Eucharist – Beltingham	11 am Parish Eucharist (BCP)
	3 pm God's Tent (ring Vicar for details)	
24 September Harvest	10 am All Age Harvest Celebration – Henshaw	5 pm Evening Worship for Harvest - Haydon Old Church
Saturday 30 September	10.30 am Messy Church - Henshaw	
1 October Trinity 16	9.30 am Parish Eucharist (BCP) – Beltingham	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church