

**THE PARISH OF
BELTINGHAM
WITH HENSHAW
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When you are really busy on Christmas Eve, do you have the radio tuned to the King's College Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 3 pm? This service is broadcast around the world, so if you have relatives down under, they too could be listening. It is worth remembering in this year when we have seen many events to mark the end of the First World War that this service was first broadcast live on Christmas Eve 1918. It was introduced by the Dean of King's College, who had been an army chaplain during the war.

The choir itself consists of 16 boy choristers supported by adult voices of King's College undergraduates. Many of the ex choristers have gone on to be influential figures in the music world. As you might imagine, tickets for this event are eagerly sought after. It is unlikely that any of our readers will be in the congregation for the event on Christmas Eve, but to avoid any disappointment, we set out below our invitation to you, to join us at our Carol Service – you are warmly welcome. Do come - we enjoy some convivial time after the service with warming grog and mince pies.



Invitation



*You are cordially invited to our candlelit Village
Carol Service at 5 pm on Sunday 16 December at
All Hallows' Church, Henshaw, with familiar carols
followed by warming refreshments*

	SERVICES	
DEC/JAN	BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
1 December	3 pm – Advent Carol Service at Haydon Old Church	
2 December Advent Sunday	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
9 December Advent 2	9.30 am – Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church
16 December Advent 3	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm God’s Tent – Moralee Farm	
	5 pm – Village Carol Service - Henshaw	
23 December Advent 4	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist	11 am – Parish Eucharist
24 December Christmas Eve	6 pm Henshaw – Bardon Mill Crib Service with the children helping to tell the Christmas story	
	11.30 pm Midnight Mass – Haydon Bridge	
25 December Christmas Day	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
30 December 1st of Christmas	9.30 am Henshaw – BCP Mattins	11 am BCP Communion
6 January Epiphany	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
	3 pm Epiphany Carol Service – Haydon Old Church	
13 January Baptism of Christ	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church
20 January Epiphany 3	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	3 pm God’s Tent – pitching to be arranged	
27 January Candlemas	8.30 am Henshaw – BCP Communion	
	10 am Celebration Service – Haydon Bridge	
	3 pm Candlemas at Haydon Old Church	
3 February 5th before Lent	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist

The Vicar's Letter

At the moment my email inbox is getting fuller and fuller with adverts for opportunities to buy the perfect Christmas gift at the perfect price. Whether a mid-season sale, or Black Friday, we are moving towards the busiest time of the year for our retailers. Much of this, in fact most of this business, is a result of the rather lovely fact that we buy each other presents at Christmas.

The giving and receiving of gifts lies at the heart of the Christmas story - in the offerings of the Wise Men to the baby, in the homage paid to him by the Shepherds, in the gift that Mary made in accepting God's call to give birth to the baby Jesus. This is of course something that we all do with our nearest and dearest. But if our gift giving is to mirror the story of Christmas, is there something more we could do? In all the parts of the Christmas story that I have mentioned, these gifts come in a familiar and expected way. But the greatest gift of Christmas, the gift of God in Jesus Christ, is the most important and unexpected of Christmas. In an early Christian hymn, quoted by St Paul to the Philippians, we hear of the birth of Jesus, that God

emptied himself, taking the form of a human slave, being born in human likeness.

The birth of Jesus is the most unexpected gift of Christmas because it was given by God, freely and openly. Not from duty, or habit, but love for the world he created.

As we prepare for Christmas, we might think what will be the unexpected gifts we will give? One way is to spend December with a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. In this, you put aside something each day which then at the end of the month – just as we are about to give our gifts – becomes a freely given and unexpected gift for the West Northumberland Food Bank. We will be encouraging this in our churches this December and we will have copies of how you can do it available at the village shop.

Whatever gifts you give or receive this Christmas, we pray you will be blessed by the great gift of Christmas.

Your Vicar, Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

From the Parish Registers

Burial of Ashes

On 9 November, in the Bowes Lyon private cemetery, the ashes of Caroline Llewellyn, following a brief service in St Cuthbert's Church.

Remembrance Sunday

It is worth noting that about 175 people were present at the Act of Remembrance on 11 November, in the centenary year marking the end of the First World War. The ceremony at the War Memorial had been in abeyance for a period until it was reintroduced in 1997. The number attending has grown steadily in recent times and numerous wreaths were laid. The entrances to All Hallows' Church and the railings at the War Memorial displayed knitted red poppies in profusion, created by members of our local Women's Institute.

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of flowers for our churches at Christmas, please contact Judy Potts (344480) or Anne Galbraith (344702). The church at Beltingham will be decorated on Friday, 21st December, with all helpers welcome at 10 am.

Mothers' Union

On **3 December** – Deanery Advent Service at Haltwhistle.

On **23 January** it is the Annual Meeting at Henshaw with a Eucharist with the Rev Dr John Harrison. **Shrove Tuesday (5 March)** – lunch at the General Havelock at 12 for 12.30 pm. Contact Anne Brunton on 344557.

Messy Church Christmas Party – Bardon Mill Village Hall

On **Sunday 9 December** at 1 pm followed by switch on of the Christmas lights with carol singing at the Village Green at 4 pm.

On Thursday 27 December at 3 pm come along and enjoy **some very informal readings and carols at Beltingham Church** followed by refreshments.

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ROTAS				
Dec/Jan	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
2 December	Henshaw	A Storrie	D Palmer/ Y Hewitt	A Galbraith/ G Jackson/P Wilson
9 December	Beltingham	W Green	Collingwood /Storrie	“
16 December	Beltingham	A Galbraith	L Scott/ D McKenna	A Brunton/ D Hartley/P Collingwood
23 December	Henshaw	C Adams	H Rowlands /J Hayward	Group
24 December	Henshaw	A Storrie	L Scott/ Y Hewitt	
25 December	Beltingham	A Galbraith	J Galbraith/ D Palmer	Group
27 December	Beltingham	A Galbraith	D Palmer/ D Storrie	
30 December	Henshaw	C Adams	L Slater/ D Palmer	Group
6 January	Henshaw	A Storrie	S Walker/P Collingwood	Group
13 January	Beltingham	W Green	D McKenna/ D Storrie	J Potts/ S Walker/ B Stockdale
20 January	Beltingham	A Galbraith	H Rowlands/ D Palmer	“
27 January	Henshaw	C Adams		P Storey/ N Harding/ J Walters
3 February	Henshaw	A Storrie	Y Hewitt/ J Galbraith	“

VILLAGE NEWS

Cafe Scientifique

Tuesday 8 January 2019 from 7-9 pm at Bardon Mill Village Hall

The next Cafe Scientifique will be entitled **Energy Goes Local** and our speaker will be **Dr David Rimmer**. Tickets can be purchased through ticket source at www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/570436. David is a board member of Brampton and Beyond Energy Ltd and his talk will outline how energy and its supply is being decentralised, decarbonised and democratised - local groups are developing their own renewable energy schemes as well as tackling energy efficiency and fuel poverty. **Tickets are £5 as usual including tea/coffee and cake**. As previously, a few tickets will be available at the village shop for those who don't have internet access.

South Tyne Wildlife Group – 7.30 pm Comrades Club

Tuesday 11 December, Chris Watt North Pennines ANOB ‘Upland Peat Restoration in the North Pennines. **Tuesday 8 January**, John Miles (ex-warden of Geltsdale RSPB Reserve) ‘Hadrian’s Wall Wildlife’. £3 entry – all welcome.

Women’s Institute

Wednesday 12 December – our Christmas Party/Celebration with ‘The Cherry Pickers’ – take 2. Fun and games/bran tub; hostesses: the Committee and helpers. **Wednesday 9 January** – Members’ Night, fun and socialising; hostesses: the Committee and helpers. Competition: a joke or funny story; stall: ‘All things naughty but nice’, sausage, bean and mash supper.

South Tyne Cinema Circuit at the General Havelock

Film & Food Night from 7 pm on Tuesday 18 December – ‘**Miracle on 34th Street**’ (£8.50 for film and meal). Call Joanna on 684376 for more information.

Christmas Appeal - WERS

A very big thank you from everyone at West End Refugee Services to those who kindly donated items for the destitute refugees’ Christmas bags. They will be very much appreciated.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Burns' Night Supper on 25 January in Bardon Mill Village Hall

Tickets are £23. Please contact Anne Brunton (on 344557) or Anne Galbraith (344702) to reserve places.

Henshaw School News

The School have a new publication, the Henshaw Herald, with a team of children helping Mrs Hutchinson to produce it. Here are some key issues from it.

We have a new addition! Hallie our Reading dog joins us every week to listen to the children reading. The children come in pairs to the office and read their stories to Hallie. She is enjoying every minute - as are the children! She is a four month old Cockapoo. She has helped the children to become more self-confident and reluctant readers now want to read to her. We have noticed that there has been an increase in children wanting to read in public situations too. All children, in all age groups from Reception to Year 6, if they wish to, have the opportunity to read to Hallie and spend time with her. Her presence has also been beneficial for some children who were once afraid of dogs. Hallie will be doing some training with K9 dog training school in Carlisle after the half term. When she is 9 months old she can be assessed to be a therapy dog to work with children with additional needs.

Football with Newcastle United Football Club continues on Mondays, and the range of topics in lessons includes predators for Class 3, space and planets for Class 2 and Class 1 are learning about sleep. The school has had a visit from a Roman soldier, teaching them about battles and weapons, and have trips coming up to Life Centre and Kielder birds of prey centre. School raised £141 for children in need, by dressing in spotty clothes.

From the Archive

It was announced in the December 1996 issue that subscriptions for the newsletter would rise from £2 to £3. It is therefore good to record that the free distribution of our newsletter today is thanks to the generosity of our sponsors who are listed on the back page.

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