

**THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM
WITH HENSHAW
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The Nation's Favourite Carol

In on-line polls in recent years, it seems that the carol, O Holy Night has regularly been voted as Britain's favourite carol. The words were written by a French wine merchant and poet, Placide Cappeau in 1843 at the request of his parish priest, to celebrate the renovation of their church organ in Roquemaure, near Avignon. Later that year, Adolphe Adam composed the music. He was a noted teacher, with Delibes among his pupils, and is probably best known today for the ballet music in Giselle and Le Corsaire, as well as the music for O Holy Night. The



words of the hymn as we know them today were translated from the

French by John Sullivan Dwight, an American pastor.

The previous best loved carol was Silent Night. Its origins go back to 1818 when the words were written by an Austrian parish priest, Joseph Mohr. He took the words to the local schoolmaster and organist, Franz Xaver Gruber, who wrote the tune. It gained much wider recognition because it was adopted by groups of travelling folk singers.

There are a number of opportunities to come and join us to sing Carols, either at our annual Carol Service at Henshaw on Sunday December 15 or at a much more relaxed occasion, our Light-hearted Readings and Carols in Beltingham on 27 December, when we will certainly be including O Holy Night in our programme. You are most welcome at both events, when refreshments (warming grog and mince pies) are served at the end – we look forward to your company.

	SERVICES	
DECEMBER/ JANUARY	BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
1 December Advent Sunday	9.30 am – Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
8 December Advent 2	9.30 am – Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church
15 December Advent 3	9.30 am – Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm God’s Tent – Moralee Farm	
	5 pm – Henshaw – Carol Service	
22 December Advent 4	9.30 am – Henshaw – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	6 pm – H Bridge Carol Service at St John of Beverley	
24 December Christmas Eve	6 pm Henshaw Crib Service	4 pm Crib Service
	11.30 pm – Midnight Mass – Haydon Bridge	
25 December Christmas Day	9.30 am - Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
27 December	3 pm Beltingham – Readings and Carols for Christmas	
29 December 1st of Christmas	9.30am Henshaw - BCP Matins	11 am BCP Communion
5 January Epiphany	9.30 am – Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
	3 pm –Haydon Old Church – Epiphany Carol Service	
12 January Baptism of Christ	9.30 am – Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church
19 January Epiphany 3	9.30 am – Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	3 pm – God’s Tent – pitching to be confirmed	
26 January Epiphany 4	8.30 am – Henshaw – BCP Communion	10 am – Christingle Celebration Service
2 February Candlemas	9.30 am – Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am – Parish Eucharist

Vicar's Letter

I have got used to getting things right away. In a world of the internet and instant communication, we have all got used to getting things straight away: whether it is an online order that comes the next day, an email we expect the recipient to reply to straight away, or the frustration when someone doesn't pick up the phone even though we know that they are carrying that phone in their pocket. As we come closer to Christmas, that desire to get things straight away only gets stronger. For certain inhabitants of the Vicarage, if Christmas came tomorrow it would not be too soon. As the nights grow darker, and the news is dominated more by the General Election, who could blame someone for wanting a bit of festive cheer a little early. But the reality is that we have to wait. Wait for the great day, wait for the guests, and wait for the travelling, wait for what Christmas has in store for us.

Advent, the weeks leading to Christmas, is the great season of waiting. It reminds us that our four week wait for Christmas is nothing compared to the nine-month wait Mary and Joseph had for the birth of their unexpected baby, or the centuries' wait God's people had for their coming Saviour. So in waiting, in holding back, in pausing in the rush of December, we are learning to turn away (just a little) from so much of the business of this time of year, and instead wait and watch a little.

Through this month we will be offering opportunities to stop, and pause, and wait – Advent reflections at Evening prayer at 5.15pm on Thursday evenings at Henshaw, a simple pattern of morning and evening prayer to be said at home, our weekly pattern of worship, a quiet day – all chances to stop and pause and wait.

We might want Christmas to come straight away; we might want it not to come at all. But either way, we are going to have to wait. So why not wait a little with us.

Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

Remembrance Sunday

On a cold but sunny day, 120 people gathered at the War Memorial in Bardon Mill for our service of remembrance there, following the service at All Hallows' Church, where the church had been appropriately decorated with poppies. This year painted stones were inscribed with the names of local soldiers and were laid at the Memorial. The knitted poppies along the fence reminded those passing of the sacrifice made in two World Wars. The names from the Memorial were read with due solemnity and wreaths laid by local organisations and village children. With grateful thanks to all who participated.

On 8 December at BM Village Hall - Messy Church Christmas Party followed by carols at the Village Green when the Christmas lights will be switched on, and Father Christmas may find time to call.

Lighthearted readings and carols – enjoy a bracing winter walk to St Cuthbert's, Beltingham on **Friday, 27 December at 3 pm**, for this annual event, featuring a range of readings and some carols you may not have sung already, with tea and cake afterwards. All are welcome.

Gods Tent – the December “pitching” will consist of Nativity in a Barn, at Moralee Farm, with carols.

Mothers' Union On **Monday 2 December** at St Peter's Humshaugh – Deanery Advent Service. On **Wednesday 29 January** the AGM with Holy Communion and a bring and share supper.

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Dec/Jan	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
1 December*	Henshaw	C Adams	L Scott/ S Walker	A Galbraith/ G Jackson/ P Wilson
8 December*	Beltingham	A Galbraith	P Collingwood/ L Slater	A Brunton/ D Hartley/ P Collingwood
15 December*	Beltingham	W Green	A Mills/ H Rowlands	“
	Henshaw 5pm Carol Service	A Storrie	S Walker/ Y Hewitt	
22 December*	Henshaw	C Adams	D Palmer/ J Hayward	Group
24 December* Christmas Eve	Henshaw 6 pm Crib Service	A Storrie	D Storrie/ Y Hewitt	“
25 December Christmas Day	Beltingham	A Galbraith	Y Hewitt/ D Palmer	“
27 December	Beltingham	A Galbraith	D Palmer/ D Storrie	“
29 December	Henshaw	C Adams	Y Hewitt/ D Palmer	“
5 January Epiphany	Henshaw	A Storrie	L Scott/ P Collingwood	“
12 January Baptism of Christ	Beltingham	W Green	A Mills/ L Slater	J Potts/ S Walker
19 January Epiphany 3	Beltingham	A Galbraith	H Rowlands/ S Walker	“
26 January Epiphany 4	Henshaw	C Adams		N Harding/ J Walters/ P Storey
2 February Candlemas	Henshaw	A Storrie	L Scott/ D Storrie	“

***No flowers during Advent**

VILLAGE NEWS

Appeal on Behalf of West End Refugee Services

WERS supports destitute asylum seekers with a small sum each week and at Christmas a bonus of a bag of items such as shampoo, shower gel, socks, toothpaste/brushes and chocolate. **If you wish to donate and would like that donation taken to WERS, please let Libby know by 6 December (344582) or contribute at their Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/wers>.**

On Monday 2nd December at 7pm in the Village Hall

The second of the TED (Technology Entertainment & Design) talks: 'Plastics - the problem and some solutions'. Watch and discuss two short video presentations by experts - £3 at the door.

On Friday 6 December

Shaftoe Singers Christmas Concert at BM Village Hall

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £6 from choir members or pay at the door. There will be supper, a raffle, a quiz... and a bar.

Greenhead Christmas Craft Fair and Farmers' Market

On Sunday 8 December at 10 am. Unique hand-crafted gifts and locally produced seasonal food and drink.

South Tyne Sustainability

STS won the Volunteer Group category in the National Park Awards sponsored by Columbia. Several STS members went to collect the impressively heavy slab of inscribed slate at a ceremony during Kendal's Mountain Festival on Nov 16th. They also came away with a £500 cheque! Thanks to Ruth Dickinson, Community & Rural Enterprise Officer at Northumberland National Park, for the nomination and everyone who contributed to the many projects listed on the application form.

Grant application submitted to Rural Community Energy Fund

STS initiated this project which is being taken forward by Haltwhistle Swimming & Leisure Centre in partnership with Haltwhistle Partnership. It is a bold initiative which will look into the feasibility of extracting heat from water in old mine workings to heat the swimming pool and, possibly, other buildings in the vicinity of the Centre.

Cafes and other businesses sign up to Refill Scheme

Our volunteers and those from Sustainable Brampton and Sustainable Carlisle have been busy handing out stickers to cafes, pubs and other businesses which are happy to provide tap water to refill visitors' bottles.

South Tyne Wildlife Group Tuesday 10 December – Ian Ryding from RSPB Geltsdale: 'Black Grouse and Farmland Update.

Tuesday 14 January – Rachel Locke ‘The Woodland Trust’.

At the Comrades Club, Haltwhistle at 7.30 pm. £3 – all welcome.

Women’s Institute at 7 pm in the Village Hall

On **Wednesday 11 December** the **Christmas Party/Celebration**

including supper and the bran tub. Hostesses: The Committee.

On **Wednesday 8 January**, Maureen Lawrie, (Soft Tissue Therapist)

‘Future Proofing your Old Age’; competition: ‘favourite home remedy’;

stall: bring & buy. Pie and pea supper, please bring cutlery and mug.

Film & Food Night at the General Havelock (£10 for film & food)

Tuesday 17 December the film will be ‘Duck Soup’. **Doors open 7 pm.** Call Joanna on 684376 for further information.

On Sunday 29 December at 2.30 pm at BM Village Hall

Highlights Rural Touring present ‘**Under the Frozen Moon**’ (a tale for children 3+ and their families). It is so cold in Nunavut that the moon has frozen. A greedy dragon has gobbled up every fire and every light. A courageous young girl sets out to confront the dragon. With lively poetry, transforming sets, exciting puppetry and atmospheric live music a beautiful world of ice and adventure is brought to life.

Cafe Scientifique - Tuesday 7 January - 7-9 pm BM Village Hall

Our first talk in 2020 will be ‘The North Pole –The Hard Way’ with Conrad Dickinson. Travelling unsupported to the North Pole is deemed ‘the hardest expedition in the world’ and only 12 people had done so before Conrad became the only Briton to do it. This expedition completed his three big polar journeys – the Polar Grand Slam. **Tickets are £5 including tea/coffee and cake.** Tickets can be purchased by copying and pasting this link www.ticketsource.co.uk/bardon-mill-henshaw-village-hall/-t-rrkpkp. A few tickets will be available at the village shop for those who don't have internet access.

Puzzle Corner

Answers to Anagrams of Books of the Bible

Genesis	Matthew	Exodus	Leviticus
Galatians	Ephesians	Jeremiah	Deuteronomy
	Hebrews	Hosea	

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