

THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW

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World Environment Day – June 5th

World Environment Day is held every year on June 5th. It is run by the United Nations, with the aim of raising awareness of specific environmental issues. It was first held in 1974, and now 143 countries take part. The range of issues on which the day has focussed in past years includes plastic pollution, illegal trade in wildlife, global warming



and food waste. This year's theme is "Air Pollution", and the host country will be China. Governments, industry, communities and individuals will be urged to come together to explore renewable energy and green technologies, and improve air quality in cities and regions across the world.

Air pollution has been linked to lung disease, cardiovascular disease, stroke and dementia, and asthma in children. So, at an individual level, all of us might wonder what we can do to help. Some things are really simple, such as turning off lights when not needed, using public transport, driving when necessary in the most energy efficient way, drying clothes on a clothes line, avoiding plastic bags, quitting smoking, reusing and recycling as much as possible. It's not too late to make a resolution to change a few simple things in our daily lives, to ensure we are making a small contribution to a better world.

	SERVICES	
JUNE	BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
2 June 7 Easter	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
9 June* Pentecost	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church
16 June Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	3 pm – God’s Tent – pitching to be confirmed	
23 June Trinity 1	8.30 am – Haydon Bridge – BPC Communion	
	10 am – Henshaw – Celebration Service	
30 June Trinity 2	9.30 am Henshaw – BCP Matins	11 am BCP Communion
		5 pm Haydon Old Church – Evening Prayer
7 July Trinity 3	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist

*** Service transferred from Beltingham due to 1 day bridge closure.**

From the Parish Registers

Baptism: On 12 May at St Cuthbert’s, Beltingham, Ricky Coulson

Deanery Pilgrimage

The Deanery is planning another two-day pilgrimage which will complete the first circumnavigation of the deanery churches. The route is being finalised but we are planning Greenhead to Warden over the two days, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 June culminating with a service at the church in Warden. The walk will call at each church where there will be linked exhibitions of a Christian Aid project. If you would like to know more please contact David on 01434 608882 or by email r.david.ratcliff@gmail.com

The Vicar's Letter

One of the things which marks out the history of Christian mission is that the first act of the Christian missionary has very often to be to translate the words of the bible into the language of the community which they are encountering. This is not a universal law. We know this locally, with the Reformation martyr Bishop Nicholas Ridley – born at Willimoteswick - being put to death, in part, by those who opposed the desire in the Reformation for the bible to be read and understood in our native language.

This instinct to translate the Christian faith literally and metaphorically into the local language finds its origins in the story of Pentecost which we mark on Sunday 9 June. This is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year and is often called the 'birthday of the Church'. It marks the day, fifty days after Easter, when the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit comes to them in a rushing wind, with flames of fire appearing on their heads, and suddenly all the Apostles started to speak in different languages. So much so that the crowds gathered in Jerusalem thought they were drunk on new wine.

This dramatic story reminds us that the task of the Church is not to stand still, but to find new ways of communicating the Christian faith to those who we meet in the world around us. I know this well as I promised to do this when I became your Vicar when, in a special promise call the 'Declaration of Assent' I promised to 'proclaim afresh to each generation' the Christian faith.

This promise has been used to name new ways of communicating the Christian faith in the Church, called fresh-expressions of Church. We have two of these fresh-expressions in the Parishes by the Wall: Messy Church, which meets monthly, introduces children and families to stories of faith with crafts, storytelling, and shared meal; and once a month we pitch God's Tent, finding ways of exploring the stories of our faith in the landscape we live in. Neither of these is there to undermine our traditional or inherited ways of doing Church. Rather each of them is, like in the story of Pentecost, a different language through which we can continue to communicate the timeless truth God reveals to us in Jesus.

Your Vicar, Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

Thy Kingdom Come

This is a global event to create a wave of prayer each day between Ascension Day (30 May) and Pentecost (9 June). We will be using a resource, Thy Kingdom Come, and celebrating morning and evening prayer each day at our parish church of All Hallows' Henshaw.

Morning prayer will be at 9.15 am each day except Sunday 2 June when it will be at 8.45 am before the normal service. Evening prayer will be at 5.15 pm each day, except Thursday 6 June, when it will be at 7 pm before the meeting of the PCC. All are welcome to help us to create this wave of prayer, to join Christians everywhere sharing God's love.

PCC Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 6 June at 7.30 pm** at Henshaw.

Mothers' Union

On **Wednesday 26 June at Henshaw** – 'Volunteering in India' with Ms Jane Musto.

Haydon Bridge Summer Fete

The Haydon Bridge Fete will be held in the grounds of St Cuthbert's on the afternoon of Saturday, 29 June. Please go along and support them.

If you can help in any way, please speak to the Vicar.

New Residents in the Parish

If you are aware of new residents moving into the Parish, please let one of the Wardens know, as the Vicar would be pleased to send a welcome letter and leaflet about the parish.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parish Coffee Morning at Haltwhistle Methodist Hall

On **Saturday 20 July from 9.30 am** – raffle and tombola prizes gratefully received. Stalls will include bric a brac, books and produce.

Ring Libby 344582 if you require storage.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union are holding a pie and peas supper, followed by a quiz night run by Rev'd Dr John Harrison who is the chaplain to the local MU branch. It will be on **Saturday 27 July** at 6.30 pm for 7 pm in Bardon Mill Village Hall. Cost £5 for MU Deanery funds.

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June	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
2 June	Henshaw	C Adams	J Galbraith L Scott	A Brunton D Hartley P Collingwood
9 June	Henshaw	W Green	D Storrie/ L Slater	S Walker/ J Potts
16 June	Beltingham	A Galbraith	P Collingwood/ D Palmer	“
23 June	Henshaw	A Storrie	D McKenna/ Y Hewitt	C Thompson/ D Furlong
30 June	Henshaw	C Adams	S Walker/ A Mills	“
7 July	Henshaw	A Storrie	J Galbraith/ H Rowlands	A Galbraith

VILLAGE NEWS

Monthly Lunch at the Bowes Hotel from 12 for 12.30 pm

The monthly lunch is on the first Friday of each month and no booking is required. Come along and enjoy the company.

Haltwhistle Gardening Club at 7.30 pm the Comrades Club

On **Monday 10 June** a talk by **Richard Barnes** from Morpeth ‘**It’s Not All About Plants**’. All welcome – visitors £3.

On **Saturday 15 June** there will be a **Coffee Morning** at the Methodist Church Hall, Haltwhistle from 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Women’s Institute at 7 pm in the Village Hall

On **Wednesday 12 June** – **Penny Minney ‘Open Boat Journey’**.

Hostesses: Carol Adams and Diane Storrie; competition: ‘a nautical item’; stall: gift bag bring & buy. Visitors from Dilston and Shotley so please bring a contribution to the supper.

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

On **Tuesday 25 June ‘A Woman at War (2018) (Iceland)**. An environmentalist crusades against the local aluminium industry. As her actions grow bolder her life changes in the blink of an eye when she is finally granted permission to adopt a girl from the Ukraine. Doors open 7 pm. **Call Joanna on 684376 for further information.**

Cafe Scientifique - Tuesday 2 July - 7-9 pm BM Village Hall

Dr Sam Whitehouse – a look at how biological probes, Dual-Activity Retinoids and light-based photo-therapies are being used to address a range of health issues. Sam is currently CEO of Lighttox Ltd and has a background in chemistry and molecular biology. **Tickets are £5 including tea/coffee and cake.** Tickets can be purchased by copying and pasting this link www.ticketsource.co.uk. Search for Bardon Mill Events. As previously, a few tickets will be available at the village shop for those who don't have internet access.

South Tyne Sustainability

Plastics - Our next meeting for the plastics project is at **7.30pm on Tuesday 18th June** at the **Old Booking Hall, Haltwhistle Station**. Do come along if you are concerned about plastics in our environment and would like to get involved in a local campaign. **Greenhead School** is collecting crisp packets for recycling and to raise much needed funds for the school. **Please take your empty packets along.**

Energy - The date of the June meeting is still to be decided. Please get in touch if you would like to come along – Sue Seymour on 016977 47359 or sue@mosspectral.com

Petition Northumberland County Council to Declare a Climate Emergency

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Councillors/Involve.aspx#petitioninformation> (select: view current e-petitions). This petition closes on June 26th.

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Verge Walks

Our verge walks are scheduled for **16 July** and **13 August**. Further details follow next month.

Bardon Mill History Group

Haltwhistle Burn Industrial History Part 2 on Monday 2

September. Walk and talk – **2 pm Burn Car Park**, wear stout shoes.

Contact Steve Gibbon on 344383 or Stephen.gibbon@btopenworld.com

An Event-full Month!

June starts off with the Epsom Derby on 1 June, followed by the anniversary of the Coronation on 2 June. Pentecost is celebrated on 9 June and the following Friday, Whit Friday, used to herald the day of Wakes Walks, particularly in North West England. These were often accompanied by brass band contests. Towns in the North West also observed Wakes Week Holidays, a practice that developed in the 19th century during the Industrial Revolution. This custom has almost disappeared in recent times, due to the decline in manufacturing industries and standardisation of school holidays.

The Trooping of the Colour takes place on 8 June, to mark the Queen's Official Birthday. June 10 is the birthday of Prince Philip, when he will be 98, and Falkland Islands Liberation Day is on 14 June. Fathers' Day is on 16 June, Waterloo Day is 18 June, and Armed Forces Day is 22 June, when there is usually a free family fun day in Hexham to show support for those who make up the Armed Forces community. And if you haven't found enough to celebrate on all these special days, then Midsummer Day is on Monday 24 June, which is also the date of the feast of St John the Baptist. Don't confuse Midsummer Day with the summer solstice which will have already happened on Friday 21 June.

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