

THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW

Parish Newsletter – September 2018

Have you ever been out for a walk and got lost? You might have forgotten to bring a map, or lost the way-markers in the woods, or simply been so bowled over by your surroundings that you just lost the path you were on. Whatever the reason, there is always that moment of worry, and then a search, and then the great relief when you find the unmistakable view of a well-trodden path to follow again. When we find well-trodden paths, they reassure us not only that we are going in the right direction but also that countless others have trodden that path before us. “If they have taken that path, then perhaps I can too” – we might say to ourselves.

It is great pleasure to serve you here as your Vicar and I take great pride in serving everyone in our community, whether you come to Church, whether you go to a different Church, whether you have another religion or no religion at all. But it is always a particular personal pleasure for me when someone I meet wants to know more about the faith in the God of Jesus Christ, to walk along that path which guides me and our Church community to serve our whole parish in the way that we do.

As you read this you might be firmly on the pathway you expect to be on, or you might be discovering a new path, or you might be a little lost and hoping to find that path you are searching for. Over the weekend of the 7-9 September we are running a series of events as part of the ‘Pathways’ mission which is running across the Diocese of Newcastle. These will be a series of fun and varied events – from a pub quiz and ‘Grilling a Bishop’ to crafts and activities on the Roman Wall – and we hope they will be of interest to everyone. But in particular we hope that these events might help some parishioners to engage with this weekend of events, to find for themselves the well-trodden path of faith that they have been seeking.



Your Vicar, Benjamin

	SERVICES	
SEPTEMBER	BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
2 September Trinity 14	9.30 am Henshaw Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
9 September Bishops’ Mission	8.30 am BCP Communion – Henshaw 10 am Celebration Service at Haydon Bridge	
16 September Trinity 16	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist 3pm God’s Tent	11 am Parish Eucharist 3pm God’s Tent
23 September Trinity 17	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
30 September Harvest	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist 5 pm Evening Prayer Haydon Old Church
7 October Trinity 19	9.30 am Henshaw + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist

Reverend Stanley Prins



Many in the parish will remember Stanley, who lived in retirement in Scroggwood, with his wife Marion. Stanley was born in 1930 in Calcutta and was educated at Victoria School, in the Himalayan hill station of Kurseong, West Bengal. Travel up to the school from Calcutta was by the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a journey he remembered fondly in a memoir of his boarding school life there, which he titled “Summoned by the Bell”. Stanley had for many years been the Vicar of Humshaugh, and it was therefore not surprising that he chose to be buried there. The church was packed for the service to celebrate his life, with fond eulogies from his family and Dr John McCollum and a sermon from our Vicar, Reverend Dr Benjamin Carter. In the congregation were representatives from the many bodies and organisations that Stanley had supported.

Our Curate Gill's Tri Challenge



'I'm going to set myself some challenges in my 60th year', were words that came out of my mouth before my brain could stop my tongue. Before I knew it, I had committed to a "Tri Challenge": completing the Haydon Hundred and walking both the Tour du Mont Blanc in the Alps and St Oswald's Way in our Diocese. To make sure I did it, I decided to link those personal challenges to the challenge of developing and growing our ministry in our parishes by the wall by asking for sponsorship. Someone at work said: 'I suppose anyone who knows you will appreciate that those sorts of things don't come naturally to you.' The truth is that balancing working fulltime against training for ordination and serving as a curate has meant that I have spent a lot of time exercising my brain at the expense of my body. However, I now have two challenges under my belt – the Haydon Hundred, which I discovered is one of the toughest cycling sportifs in the region and the Tour du Mont Blanc. The Haydon Hundred took me into some of the most spectacular hills and landscape in our Benefice and Diocese. The Tour du Mont Blanc saw me walking 107 miles and climbing and descending 10000 m through France, Switzerland and Italy. I have discovered in all of this that we underestimate the strength we can find when we need it most; and that we find this strength by putting one step in front of the other and placing our trust in God from whom our help comes.

I will be closing the call for sponsorship at the end of September and your continued support is very much appreciated. Donations can be made at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gill-alexander.

CHURCH NEWS

Deanery Open Synod

On 25 September at Bardon Mill Village Hall.

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

Alexander Ridley Bell at St Cuthbert's, Beltingham on 11 August 2018.

Tristan Inglis also at St Cuthbert's on 19 August.

Death

Carole Hall died on 18 July 2018 and a service of remembrance was held on 1 August at All Hallows' Henshaw.

Mothers' Union

Thursday 27 September – Mr Fred Brook 'The Mill Girl's Son' – Henshaw.

Next PCC Meeting

Thursday 27 September at 7.30 pm at Henshaw Church Room.

PATRONAL WEEKEND

Over the weekend of 7-9 September we will be part of the Diocesan Pathways Mission when the Archbishop of York and Bishops from across the North of England will be supporting activities, events and mission across the Diocese. We have a series of events planned which we need to be praying for and inviting people to. They are:

- Fri 7 Sep: 4pm Grill a Bishop in the Bardon Mill Village Shop
- Fri 7 Sep: 8.15pm: Rev John's Quiz in the General Havelock
- Sat 8 Sep: 2-5 pm: Way of Cuthbert God's Tent at The Sill and Steel Rigg
- Sun 9 Sep: 10am Celebration Service, Haydon Bridge





Not only will God's Tent be pitched near the Sill on 8 September as part of the Patronal Mission Weekend, but also there will be a pitching at 3 pm on Sunday 16 September, venue to be confirmed.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme

Wednesday 17 October 1.15 pm at Bardon Mill Village Hall – Eco Drama presents 'The Worm', a fun-filled friendly theatre experience for ages 3-7 and families. **Thursday 18 October** at 7.30 pm – A Thousand Doorways (a journey of intrigue to record the last Kurdish storytellers.

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September	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
2 September	Henshaw	A Storrie	D McKenna/ D Storrie	A Brunton/ D Hartley/ P Collingwood
9 September	Henshaw	C Adams		
16 September	Beltingham	W Green	S Walker/ J Galbraith	J Potts/ S Walker/ B Stockdale
23 September	Henshaw	A Storrie	D Palmer/ D Storrie	“
30 September	Henshaw	C Adams	P Collingwood/ L Scott	P Storey/ N Harding/ J Walters
7 October	Henshaw	A Storrie	L Slater/ D McKenna	“

VILLAGE NEWS

Cafe Scientifique - Tuesday 4 September 7-9 pm BM Village Hall

Chris Baines, horticulturist, environmentalist, naturalist and author of the best-selling RHS Companion to Wildlife Gardening will show us how to create a beautiful garden that provides essential habitats for our beloved native species. Tickets (£5 including refreshments) can be purchased directly from www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/521882 and there are also a few available from the Bardon Mill village shop. Booking is advised.

Haltwhistle Gardening Club

Monday 10 September - trip to Eggleston Gardens.

South Tyne Wildlife Group

Tuesday 11 September – Heinz Traut ‘The Kielder Wildwood Project’ (a partnership between the Forestry Commission and the Northumberland Wildlife Trust to restore low density native upland woodland on 100 hectares at Kielderhead).

Women’s Institute

Wednesday 12 September ‘War Baby to Daft as a Brush’; hostesses: Isabella Ferrol and Andrea Ferguson; competition: baby photos; stall: bring & buy.

South Tyne Cinema Circuit at the General Havelock

Food & Film Night from 7 pm on **Wednesday 26 September** ‘Lean on Pete’. £8.50 for film and meal – call Joanna on 684376 for further details.

Book Group

If you love to read, why not come along to the Book Group? We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at **3 pm at the Bardon Mill Village Shop**.

Contact bookgroupbardonmill@gmail.com or just drop by on the day!

From the September 1996 Parish Newsletter

They are not such silly geese

By flying in V formation, each flies in the slipstream of the bird in front and the whole flock can increase its flying range by 71% over a single bird flying alone.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can arrive quicker and more easily because they are travelling with trust in each other.

When the lead goose tires, it goes back into the formation and another goose takes up the lead position. *It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks, and sharing leadership interdependently with each other.*

If a goose falls out of the formation, it quickly gets back in, to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front. *If we have as much sense as geese, we will step in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.*

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. *We need to ensure our honking from behind is encouraging, not something less helpful.*

When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and stay with it until it is either able to fly again or dies. *If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other and give our love and support to those in need.*

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