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THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW Parish Newsletter – May 2018

The Venerable Bede, monk and scholar

St Bede - also known as the Venerable Bede - is widely regarded as the greatest of all the Anglo-Saxon scholars. He wrote around 40 books mainly dealing with theology and history. He was probably born in Monkton, Durham. Nothing is known of his family background. At the age of seven he was entrusted to the care of Benedict Biscop, who in 674 AD had founded the monastery of St Peter at Wearmouth. In 682 AD Bede moved to the monastery at Jarrow, surviving the plague when he was fourteen. By the age of 19 he had become a deacon and was promoted to priest at 30. Although he travelled to other monasteries, he spent the rest of his life at Jarrow.

His scholarship covered a huge range of subjects, including commentaries on the bible, observations of nature, music and poetry. His most famous work, which is a key source for the understanding of early British history and the arrival of Christianity, is 'The Ecclesiastical History of the English People' which was completed in 731 AD. It is the first work of history in which the AD system of dating is used. He is regarded as one of the greatest teachers and writers of the Middle Ages.

Bede died in his cell at the monastery in May 735 AD. In 1899, Pope Leo XIII declared him to be a Doctor of the Church, the only native of Great Britain to achieve this honour. His tomb in Durham Cathedral, in the Galilee Chapel, is pictured. His Saints Day is May 25th.

Letter from the Vicar - The Reverend Dr Benjamin Carter

SERVICES		
MAY	BELTINGHAM/ HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
6 May Easter 6	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist 1 pm Baptism - Beltingham	11 am Parish Eucharist +Storybook church
Ascension Day 10 May	6 pm Beltingham Ascension Day Eucharist	6 pm Beltingham Ascension Day Eucharist
13 May Easter 7	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
	6 pm Haydon Bridge Christian Aid Week Service	
20 May Pentecost	9.30 am Beltingham Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
Saturday 26 May	10.30 am – Messy Church - Henshaw	
27 May Trinity Sunday	8.30 am Henshaw – BCP Communion 10 am Henshaw – Celebration Service 1 pm Baptism – Haydon Bridge 5 pm Haydon Old Church – Evening Worship	
3 June Trinity 1	9.30 Beltingham Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist with Storybook church

Through the weeks after Easter we spend time blinking in the brilliant light of what God has done for us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like the first Christians we spend time trying to come to terms with what this extraordinary act means for us and our lives. One of the chief ways through which we do this is by spending time with those stories we have in the Gospels of Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection.

Perhaps the most famous of these is the story of the road to Emmaus. Set on the afternoon of the first Easter, two of Jesus' disciples are walking away from Jerusalem towards the village of Emmaus. This is not a gentle stroll but a hurried walk, fearful of what will happen when the authorities discover that Jesus' body is not in the tomb in which he was laid three days earlier. On the road they meet a stranger and they tell him everything that has happened in the last few days.

Unbeknownst to them, this stranger is the risen Jesus who explains that everything God has done on that first Easter was promised through the story of scripture. Then, coming to a roadside inn, the disciples ask the stranger to eat with them. It is only there, as the stranger takes bread, blesses and breaks it, that they realise they have been in the presence of the risen Jesus all this time.

For many this story has become the archetype for our worship where we share in the story of scripture and break bread with one another. Through this, we know that when two or three are gathered Jesus is in the midst of us. But more than this, the story reminds us that the risen Lord walks with all of us through life: that in the resurrection God reaches into the graves we dig for ourselves and brings us to new life in him. We might not recognise him and we might not even acknowledge him but in the resurrection we are invited by God to know again his transforming presence with us and through his Spirit to know that Jesus is with us until the end of the age.

Have a very happy and blessed Easter, your Vicar,
Benjamin

Parish Registers

CHURCH NEWS

Have you checked out our new website recently? You will find us at www.parishesbythewall.org.uk and will see on the news page some of the recent activities written up with photographs. There are links to face book and twitter accounts and photographs taken at Easter, and the children's activities at Messy Church and in God's Tent.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This important church meeting was held on 8 April, when reports of various aspects of the work of the church were given. At this meeting the church officers were appointed and elections to the PCC took place. Anne Galbraith and Adrian Storrie are Churchwardens, Yvonne Hewitt is the PCC Secretary, and the following are members of the PCC: Nigel Clayburn, William Green, Anne Brunton, Hilda Rowlands, Carol Adams, Jane Hayward and Nigel Collingwood (Deanery Synod Representative).

Donations for the Newsletter

Several people have asked if they could make a donation towards the cost of producing the newsletter. If you wish to do so please either give it to the person delivering your newsletter or leave with Michael in the Bardon Mill Village Shop. Thank you.



Next pitching is at 3 pm on Sunday 20 May at tbc

The events take place at 3 pm on certain Sundays. The idea is to develop activities for the 7 to 11 age group. The children come with a parent. Each event culminates in an act of worship.

Mothers' Union

DATE FOR THE DIARY

On **Thursday 10 May at 6 pm (Ascension Day)** there will be a Service at St Cuthbert's Beltingham, conducted by the Very Rev'd Michael Sadgrove, **followed by a fundraising supper at the Old Vicarage. Tickets for the supper are £15 from Anne Galbraith on 344702.**

Saturday 28th July – Church Coffee Morning at Haltwhistle Methodist Hall.

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Carers Northumberland

This is a charity supporting family or friends who are unpaid carers in Northumberland. If you know a carer, do tell them that they can call 01670-320025 for confidential support. If all the carers in Northumberland were unable to continue caring the lost value to the county would be £722 million. The charity runs support groups and has a monthly newsletter with information about events for carers.

Henshaw School News

VILLAGE NEWS

Cafe Scientifique Tuesday (7-9pm) at B Mill Village Hall

Tickets £5 including refreshments. Tickets can be booked via www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/477028 (the booking fee has been removed).

Zumba Gold at Bardon Mill Village Hall

Every Wednesday from 10-1045 am. Low impact, easy to follow dance exercise for all ages and abilities and for both men and women. Please ring Ruth Murray on 07794-675715 for details.

Haltwhistle Garden Club

South Tyne Wildlife Group, Comrades Club, Haltwhistle

Womens' Institute

Hexham Debates – Saturday from 11-12.30 pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme

At Bardon Mill Village Hall on Friday 11 May at 7.30 pm 'Gone Cuckoo' with Malcolm Green, story-teller.

Jango Starr's One Man's Shoe

Wednesday 30 May at 2 pm at the Village Hall

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Giant Jam Sandwich has been replaced by the above. This is a hilarious journey of silent comedy for 5 year olds and above.

Tickets from Geeta on 344424 or geetabannister@googlemail.com.

HALTWHISTLE PLANT FESTIVAL

On Saturday 19 May from 9.30 am until 3.30 pm at the Leisure Centre, Haltwhistle. The usual treats of plants, crafts and food.

Enquiries to Libby on 344582.

ROTAS				
May	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
6 May	Beltingham	W Green	H Rowlands/ D Storrie	C Thompson D Furlong
13 May	Henshaw	C Adams	P Collingwood/ L Scott	“
20 May	Beltingham	W Green	L Slater S Walker	A Brunton D Hartley P Coll'wood
27 May	Henshaw	A Storrie	Y Hewitt D Storrie	“
3 June	Beltingham	A Galbraith	H Rowlands/ J Galbraith	L Scott/ M Wilkinson