

The Parish of Beltingham with Henshaw

Parish Newsletter August 2022



View from the Vicarage

August 2022

We went round Vindolanda, as any newcomer must, and I was impressed with the size of the place but also surprised that there was a Roman church building in the remains of the town too. The little chapel was inside the inner courtyard of the camp commander's villa and I thought, how cool would it be to have a service there. And within two weeks of that visit, that's just what I experienced with about 70 other clergy who had come from Cumbria, Leeds, Durham and Newcastle dioceses! Bishop Mark was presiding at the Eucharist on a wonderful clear sunny evening with two very active deacons assisting him at the table holding everything down in the high winds! The conference on 'Authentic Rural Church' and I wish I could have stayed for it, but it was all booked up before we moved here so I had to make do with the opening service with sermon by John Bell, whose name you may recognise from various hymns he has written.



Many of you are going on holiday - Whenever I go on holiday, I attend the local church and nearly always come back rejoicing to have sung hymns I then want to have at home, or picked up some ideas that might be of use in my home parish. I hope when you go on holiday you do the same as it can be refreshing to meet your Christian family there, unknown friends who don't do it like us, but who share in the peace of Christ as we do. I wish those who go, a good holiday, and those who stay to try your local church instead – All Hallows Church, Henshaw 11am 😊

Mothers' Union

Eight members of the Mothers' Union travelled to Carlisle Cathedral on 27th June for a service of Holy Communion led by Benjamin, our former Vicar. We enjoyed lunch in their new cafe followed by a tour of the Cathedral. We were joined by Mothers' Union members from Hesketh in the Forest in the Carlisle Diocese for the Eucharist and lunch, a totally unexpected pleasure.



Church Service Times for All Hallows', Henshaw August 2022

	Time	Service	Service Leader
7th August -8th Sunday after Trinity			
Beltingham w Henshaw	11am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Steve Wright
14th August - 9th Sunday after Trinity			
Beltingham w Henshaw	11am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Steve Wright
21st August - 10th Sunday after Trinity			
Beltingham w Henshaw	11am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Keith Teasdale
28th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity			
Beltingham w Henshaw	11am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Nigel Warner
4th September – 12th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion with Rev'd Steve Wright This service will be at St Cuthbert's, Beltingham			
Please note that there is a service of Holy Communion every Thursday at Holy Cross Haltwhistle at 10 am.			

From the registers Baptism: On July 10 at St Cuthbert's, Beltingham, John James Westwood Jackson

Baptism: On July 28, at All Hallows', Henshaw, Talia Rose Armstrong

St Cuthbert's, Greenhead - 28 August, are having cream teas and craft stalls in the village hall starting at 1pm.

Congratulations to the Vicar and his family – conquerors of Ben Nevis



Haltwhistle Garden Club - 12 September A talk by Bill Devonshire on Gardens of the “Noble North”.
Email Lynn Clemitson for more details: lynnclemitson@gmail.com or Tel: 07714 57377

Our Garden – a poem by Keith Brunton

Way back in nineteen sixty six	But now they've grown and flown the nest
Our rockery was a pile of bricks,	The garden's looking at its best.
The grass was tall and thick and brown,	I bought some hostas and a canna
The sorriest garden in Sidcup town.	Going cheap at Ruxley Manor,
We mowed the meadow, cleared the weeds	A box of bedding plants or two
And planted roses, bulbs and seeds	On special offer at B&Q.
And soon, my pride I hope you'll pardon,	It's taken over thirty years
It looked a bit more like a garden.	Of graft and toil and sweat and tears
The children got their fun and thrills	To make, right at the bitter end
From aiming balls at daffodils,	What Groundforce do in one weekend.

Mothers' Union

On 9 August, Mary Sumner Day, it is the Deanery afternoon – details to be confirmed.

28 September, 2.30 pm in Henshaw Church Room, “The role of an army padre” with Rev'd Keith Teasdale

Cafe Scientifique

6 September, The Science of Happiness, with John Lamont. Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/bardon-mill-henshaw-village-hall or from the Village shop.

I stole my first banana (sort of!) – from Fred Brook

It was in 1947. I was in my final year at Westwood School in Oldham Lancashire. The school was built by the County Borough of Oldham to be an Elementary School providing education for the children of families working in the cotton mills, engineering factories and coal mines that existed on the western side of the town. It also served the railway children whose parents worked in the huge warehouses and the acres of sidings in the goods yards built by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company. The yards stood opposite the School on the busy road which ran from Oldham down to Middleton and Manchester. The school opened in 1871; it is still there.

We children loved the goods yard with small tank locos pulling trains of wagons loaded with coal or vans packed with bales of cotton. The bales had an exciting journey to reach the goods yard, beginning in the Southern States of the USA or the West Indies, carried across the Atlantic in steamships which eventually entered the estuary of the River Mersey to then transfer to the Manchester Ship Canal and up to the docks of Trafford Park. The bales were unloaded onto trains, lorries, even carts drawn by heavy horses and taken to the mill towns, including Oldham, to be spun and woven into fabrics. I knew this cotton story very well. My father was a spinner, my mother a weaver.

Then, one day, the word got around the school that a banana boat had been spotted in Trafford docks. The cargo was destined for any number of towns, including Oldham. Not very far from the school there was a banana warehouse

owned by Elders and Fyffe. The bananas arrived the next day and after school we watched them being unloaded from the wagons and onto the flat trailers pulled by three-wheeled Scammel tractors. We ran alongside the Scammels and right up to the warehouse and saw the men unload the big bunches of fruit and hang them on the rails which hung from the warehouse ceiling. When the trailers were empty the warehousemen went into their cabin for a mug of tea but not before giving us kids a nod to dive onto the straw covered trailer and have what we found. I was lucky, I found a banana.

I rolled off the trailer and, clutching the banana, ran as fast as I could ran through the jumble of terraces, back lanes, mill yards and areas of derelict land where mills and workshops once stood. A gang of boys and girls from Westwood School chased me, but I was on my own local territory and outran them to our house. "Ah stole a banana Mam" I shouted and gave it to her. She took it from me and put into a drawer of an airing cupboard next to our coal-burning range. "It'll take a while to ripen" she said, and that was the last I saw of the banana for some time.

The end of the banana came quickly. She invited a neighbour Mrs Bowers and her two sons Paul and Vernon to share it. She peeled it, cut it into five pieces, put it into a dish, poured milk over it and mashed it. We ate it using spoons. It went very quickly.

Beltingham with Henshaw PCC

At the meeting of the PCC last week, a number of matters of general interest were discussed. The PCC approved work on the two lime trees near the Remembrance Garden in the cemetery, and also the placing of a new seat, to be donated by Norman Brown.

We received the Independent Examiners report on our accounts – thanks again are due to Alf Adams for undertaking this task. The accounts give a vivid picture of the breakdown of our costs – parish share paid to the Diocese is £29k. The value to us of those who can gift aid their donations is clear – we recovered just over £7000 from this source. Heating costs and maintenance of the cemeteries are major outgoings. Fundraising last year was very limited in comparison to earlier years. We continue to be grateful to our parishioners who generously support the church.

The PCC received reports on progress to install superfast broadband in St Cuthbert's, Beltingham. **It was also decided that our service on the first Sunday in September , 4th, led by Steve, would be held at St Cuthbert's at 11am.**

Use of the Church Room at All Hallows'

Room bookings for the Church Room at All Hallows' are now being done by Yvonne Hewitt. You can contact her on 01434 344391 or email yhewitt@btinternet.com Please note that a number of groups use the church room, so it is essential to keep Yvonne fully informed to avoid double booking. If you are using the room, please ensure that you SWITCH OFF THE HEATERS.

A Date for your Diary

The Church is holding a fundraising wine and nibbles event, by kind permission of Mrs Mary Dickinson at Crow Hall Mill on Thursday 8 September, 6.30 pm to 8 pm

Tickets £10 each from Yvonne Hewitt, Tel: 344391

New Residents in the Parish

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

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