

THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW

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William Wilberforce, Anti Slavery Campaigner

William Wilberforce, who died on 29 July 1833, was an English politician known as the leader of the movement to stop the slave trade. He became an independent MP at the age of just 21. He was born into a wealthy Hull family who had made their fortune in the maritime trade with the Baltics. Wilberforce became a born-again Christian, which resulted in a lifelong concern for social reform and progress. In 1787, a group of anti-slave-trade activists persuaded Wilberforce to take on the cause of abolition. He headed the parliamentary campaign against the British slave trade for twenty years until the passage of the Slave Trade Act of 1807.

Wilberforce was convinced of the importance of religion, morality and education. He championed causes and campaigns such as British missionary work in India, the foundation of the Church Mission Society and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In later years, Wilberforce supported the campaign for the complete abolition of slavery, and continued his involvement after 1826, when he resigned from Parliament because of his failing health. That campaign led to the Act in 1833, which abolished slavery in most of the British Empire. Wilberforce died just three days after hearing that the passage of the Act through Parliament was assured. He is buried in Westminster Abbey, close to his friend William Pitt the Younger.

	SERVICES - July	
	Beltingham with Henshaw	Haydon Bridge
1 July Trinity 5	9.30 am Beltingham Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
Saturday 7 July	5 pm First Eucharist for Gill Alexander - Beltingham	Joint Service for Gill's first Eucharist at Belt.
8 July Trinity 6	9.30 am Henshaw Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
15 July Trinity 7	9.30 am Beltingham Parish Eucharist 3 pm Gods Tent – pitching to be confirmed	11 am Parish Eucharist 3 pm Gods Tent – pitching to be confirmed
22 July Mary Magdalene	8.30 am Henshaw BCP Communion 10 am Jt Celebration Service	Joint Services at Henshaw at 8.30 and 10am
29 July Trinity 9	9.30 am Henshaw BCP Matins	11 am BCP Communion 5 pm Evening Prayer at Haydon Old church

	SERVICES - August	
5 August Trinity 10	9.30 Beltingham Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
12 August Trinity 11	9.30 Henshaw Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
19 August Trinity 12	9.30 Beltingham Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
26 August Trinity 13	Joint Services at Haydon Bridge	8.30 am BCP Communion 10 am Celebration Service
2 September Trinity 14	9.30 am Henshaw Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist

Letter from the Vicar – the Reverend Dr Benjamin Carter

On the second weekend of September Newcastle and Northumberland will be visited by a Bench of Bishops (at least that is what Google tells me the collective noun for Bishops is!). This is part of the fifth annual northern Bishops' Mission led by the Archbishop of York. All this began in Northumberland a few years ago when Archbishop Sentamu gathered the Bishops from the north of England along with a group of young people and asked the young people what they wanted from the Bishops. The resounding answer from that was to "lead in mission". As a consequence, Archbishop Sentamu invited the Bishops to join him in a Diocese supporting local parishes in getting out and meeting their communities.

So, this November it will be our turn. The Diocese of Newcastle 'Pathways Mission' will begin with a service on Holy Island on Thursday 6 September and end with regional services on the afternoon of Sunday 9 September. Over the weekend Archbishop Sentamu and about thirty Bishops with teams from the local dioceses will be working with local churches all across the Diocese of Newcastle to tell people what we are about and more about the God in whom we trust.

We in the Parishes by the Wall will be no different. We are planning a series of events through the weekend – from a "Grill a Bishop" in the Village Shop to kite flying on the Roman Wall, a pub quiz to school visits, treasure hunting to worshipping together. We hope that the events we have planned will be of interest to as many people as possible. The events are planned to get us out of Church and into the community. There will be more information in the next Newsletter which will appear in the days before the weekend, but in the meantime keep your eyes peeled for posters, fliers, beer mats, and social media posts about what we have going on.

At the heart of this weekend for us on the Parishes by the Wall is our deep desire to be a community of invitation, inviting people to spend time with us, and each other, and God in new and interesting ways.

With every best wish for the summer ahead and the Pathways weekend that follows! Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

From the Parish Registers

Funeral – On 31 May, the funeral service took place for Rory Dodd, with burial later at Haltwhistle.

Baptism – On 17 June at St Cuthbert's, Beltingham, Esme Morshead

From our archive of newsletters

In 1996, the Vicar, the Rev'd Keith Fletcher wrote: "At the end of July, we will be sorry to be losing the services of the Rev'd Gerry Price and Maureen his wife, who has also been very involved in the life of the churches in both parishes. Gerry has attained the grand old age of 65 and is therefore retiring to Hexham. I have no doubt he will become active in Hexham and the surrounding parishes. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Gerry and Maureen a happy retirement." And as many of you will know, we are now fortunate to have his son Andrew and daughter in law Sarah as parishioners, living in Beltingham.

Saturday 7 July – Gill Alexander's First Eucharist

This will take place at 5 pm in St Cuthbert's Beltingham, followed by refreshments. The Preacher will be the retired Bishop of Grantham, the Rt Rev'd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain. Parking is available in a nearby field. All are welcome – do come along to support Gill on this important occasion for her and for the life of our parish.

Saturday 28 July – Church Coffee Morning, Haltwhistle Methodist Hall

Do come along and support our annual church coffee morning, from 9.30 am on Saturday 28 July. Excellent book, bric a brac, produce and tombola stalls, and a raffle, as well as friendly chat and companionship. Please let Anne Galbraith (344702) or Libby Scott (344582) know if you have stuff to be collected for the stalls, or if you wish to donate raffle or tombola prizes. Those involved with setting up for the coffee morning – please come to the Methodist Hall at 3 pm on Friday 27 July to assist.



In June, Gods Tent was pitched at Crow Hall, and on that day, Sue and Dan Cantwell were baptised by our Vicar in the River Tyne. The next pitching of the tent will be on 15 July – venue to be confirmed.

Next PCC Meeting – July 26 at 7.30 in Henshaw Parish Room

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be held on **July 25 at 7.30 pm**. The speaker will be **Gill Alexander**, our Curate, speaking about “An unexpected journey”.

At their **Summer of Hope** event, the MU are hosting the **Shaftoe Singers** in Bardon Mill Village Hall on **13 July at 7.30 pm**. Tickets £5, including light refreshments. This is one of the MU events nationally aiming to raise over £200,000 for families and communities around the world.

Our church history

In July 1997, a meeting was scheduled to discuss the proposed extension to All Hallows' Church, Henshaw with regard to the creation of the church room. In July 1999, work was due to commence, the only final hurdle to be overcome was the grant of a “Faculty” from the Diocesan Chancellor to permit work to be done on a church building. The church would be closed for some months, and work ran late - but now, 21 years later, we are the fortunate beneficiaries of the work.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 7 – 9 Bishops' Mission Weekend – see the Vicar's letter for more details about this important weekend in our parish and benefice life.

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ROTAS

July/Aug	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
1 July	Beltingham	A Storrie	L Scott/ S Walker	A Galbraith
7 July	Beltingham	C Adams	D Palmer/ D Storrie	F, C Wancke, L Slater
8 July	Henshaw	A Storrie	J Galbraith/ Y Hewitt	"
15 July	Beltingham	W Green	S Walker/ P Collingwood	L Scott M Wilkinson
22 July	Henshaw	C Adams	L Scott/ L Slater	L Scott M Wilkinson
29 July	Henshaw	A Storrie	D Palmer/ D McKenna	P Storey, N Harding, J Walters
5 August	Beltingham	A Galbraith	H Rowlands/ J Galbraith	"
12 August	Henshaw	C Adams	Y Hewitt/ D Storrie	C Thompson D Furlong
19 August	Beltingham	W Green	S Walker/ J Hayward	"
2 September	Henshaw	A Storrie	D McKenna/ D Storrie	A Brunton, D Hartley P Coll/wood

VILLAGE NEWS

Cafe Scientifique

Tuesday 3 July, 7 – 9 pm at Bardon Mill Village Hall. Keith Buchanan will talk about **Birds of the North Sea** – Sea Swallows, Bonxies and Tommy Noddies. Keith will look at the lifestyles and characteristics of some of our familiar seabirds. Tickets £5 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/504166. And a date for your diary – **Tuesday, 4 September**. Chris Baines, environmentalist, will talk about wildlife gardening.

Haltwhistle Gardening Club

Monday 9 July. Visit to Marjorie Goodchild's garden, Ponteland. No meeting in August.

Women's Institute

Wednesday 11 July at 7 pm Bardon Mill Village Hall – Natalie Wood – Talk and Pamper Session. Hostesses: Sheila Walker and Jennifer Johnson. Competition: A natural remedy. Stall: Bring and buy lotions and potions. Visitors, so please bring some supper. And **Wednesday 9th August** – summer outing, Seahouses and Beadnell.

Book Group

If you love to read, why not come along to the Book Group? We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, with a new time and venue from July – **3 pm at the Bardon Mill Village Shop**. At our meeting on **Tuesday 17 July**, we'll be talking about "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng. Contact: bookgroupbardonmill@gmail.com or just drop by on the day!

South Tyne Sustainability

Tuesday 17 July 7 pm. Meet at the junction with Haresby Lonnen above Thorngraston.. We stay on the tarmac – maximum of 2 hours, no more than a mile and a half! And **Tuesday 14 August** at Caw Gap junction. Ring Libby Scott (344582) if you need directions or a lift.

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