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THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW Parish Newsletter – June 2018

Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation

Not only will the Queen celebrate her official birthday this month, on 9th June, but it is also the 65th anniversary of her Coronation on 2nd June. Our image shows her on that day, wearing the St Edward's Crown, weighing 5 lbs – the only occasion on which she has worn it.

She is holding the Orb and the Sceptre, both of which are of great significance in the Coronation ceremony. The Sceptre stands for power and justice, and when the Archbishop of Canterbury hands her the Orb, the words from the service are: "Receive this orb set under the Cross, and remember that the whole world is subject to the power and empire of Christ our Redeemer". During the service, the Queen was anointed with oil which is poured into a spoon, the only piece of the Coronation regalia surviving from the Middle Ages. She then had wide bracelets placed on her wrists, signifying sincerity and wisdom. While the service was taking place, the Queen was seated on the Coronation Chair, which had the Stone of Scone fitted in it. This was reputed to be the stone that Jacob used as a pillow on the night that he dreamt of the ladder into heaven with angels ascending and descending. When Jacob awoke, he said "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it". After the service, the Queen made her way back to Buckingham Palace in the Golden State Coach. In a recent television series where she was looking back at her Coronation Day, she reflected how horrible the journey was, as the lack of suspension made the ride unbearable. "It's only sprung on leather – not very comfortable" was her comment.

SERVICES		
JUNE	BELTINGHAM/ HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
3 June Trinity 1	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church
10 June Trinity 2	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
17 June Trinity 3	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	3 pm God’s Tent – venue to be confirmed	
24 June Birth of John the Baptist	8.30 am St Cuthbert’s HB BCP Communion	
	10 am Baptism Celebration Service (HB)	
	5 pm Haydon Old Church – Evening Prayer	
Saturday 30 June	11 am Messy Church - Henshaw	
1 July Trinity 5	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church

Parish Records

We have a wealth of Parish Newsletters from the 1990’s, kindly donated by Dorothy Forster. In June 1998, Rev’d Vincent Ashwin was writing: “Here in West Tynedale we are surrounded by history. Hadrian’s Wall and Vindolanda look down on us. Beltingham has its Saxon Cross, its yew tree, and the medieval church. Bardon Mill has the remains of its coal mines. Nicholas Ridley from Willimoteswick became Bishop of London in 1550. He was a great reformer, preaching on the social injustices of his age. For his efforts to reform the Church, he was burned at the stake in Oxford. So we breathe the air of history here, and it reminds us of the wider scene that we are part of.”

Letter from the Vicar - The Reverend Dr Benjamin Carter

On the third Sunday of each month in the ‘What’s on’ pages of the Haydon News and in our own newsletter you might be intrigued to see listed at 3pm ‘God’s Tent’ and wonder what this is. God’s Tent is a new afternoon service which has been going for a little over a year now in the Parishes of Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw. In simple terms God’s Tent is a 6 metre bell tent that lives in the Vicarage garage, which is then transported to various locations and pitched up in our landscape.

God’s Tent began life as a response to two practical questions. The first was how can we offer something a little more creative for older children and their families? The second was how to do this given the physical limitations and inflexibility of our buildings. Also, there was a desire to take Church and worship out of our buildings from time to time and explore the spiritual richness of our landscape. From these three concerns ‘God’s Tent’ was born. The idea of a tent is not an accidental one. In the Old Testament we hear of God meeting his people in a tent ‘pitched among us’ and the writer of the Gospel of John plays with this image when he says (in a reading often used at Christmas) that ‘the Word became flesh and He pitched his tent among us.’ Quite quickly we have discovered in our activities and worship – den building at Threepwood, scavenger hunts in Allenbanks, fire building at Redburn Park – that God’s Tent is much more than just an afternoon activity for older children. What we are finding is that God’s Tent is a kind of Church in its own right. For people who would like to know more about God but for whom Church in a traditional way is not quite right, God’s Tent is a way of learning about who God is for us in a new and different way.

This month we will explore Baptism and some of our community will begin to prepare to be confirmed. As the months go by we hope that God’s Tent will become established in our worshipping life as a place where, complimenting the lives or our regular and traditional worship, more people can come to know what it means to be loved and cherished by the God who, in Jesus, pitches his tent among us.

If you want to know more, just ask!

With best wishes, Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Summer Discussion Groups

Would you like to join an evening monthly discussion group reflecting on themes raised by Bishop John Pritchard in his book Living Faithfully? There is a Tuesday group **starting 4 June** and a second on Thursdays **starting 14 June**. Contact Carol Adams on 344398 for further details.

Open Garden

There will be an Open Garden at the Old Vicarage, Beltingham, from 3-6 pm on Sunday 10 June in aid of the free distribution of this newsletter. Stroll around with a glass of wine. There will be tea, a tombola and plant stall. Pay at the gate £6. Parking available nearby.

Deanery Celebrations

The Deanery Pilgrimage will take place over the weekend of 15/16 June. On Friday the walk will be from Nenthead to Alston and on Saturday from Alston to Lambley. The two days will culminate in a Songs of Praise at St Mary and St Patrick Church, Lambley at 5 pm on Saturday, to which all (walkers or not) are welcome. Email Evelyn.braid@sky.com or ring 601705 for more details.



Next pitching is at 3 pm on Sunday 17 June – venue to be confirmed

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. This month's vicar's letter tells you more about God's Tent.

Mothers' Union

27 June – Mrs Anne Galbraith 'Encounters with Royalty'. 7.30 pm Henshaw Church Room.

13 July – MU are hosting **the Shaftoe Singers** in Bardon Mill Village Hall, raising funds for an MU project, Summer of Hope. £5. Raffle.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 1 July

Gill Alexander, Curate, will be ordained priest by the Bishop of Newcastle at 10 am at Newcastle Cathedral. The Vicar has tickets for the service and if you would like to go please contact him. **He needs numbers by 8 June. Our own parish services will be held as usual.**

Saturday 7 July

Gill Alexander's First Eucharist at 5 pm, St Cuthbert's, Beltingham, followed by refreshments. Gill will also preside and preach at both the morning services on Sunday 8 July.

Tuesday 10 July

A Day of Prayer and Reflection will be held from 10am-3.30 pm at Shepherd's Dene led by the Reverend Gill Alexander. Cost for the day is £21 including morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Contact Yvonne Hewitt (344391) for more details.

Saturday 28 July

There will be a Church Coffee Morning at Haltwhistle Methodist Hall from 9.30 am. Please let Anne Galbraith (344702) know if you can help at this event – we need at least 15 pairs of hands. Thank you if you have already volunteered. We also need books, bric-a-brac, produce, raffle and tombola prizes. Help is also needed on the Friday afternoon with set-up.

“We look forward to the time when the power of love will replace the love of power. Then will our world know the blessing of peace”. William Gladstone

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VILLAGE NEWS

Haltwhistle Garden Club at the Comrades Club

Monday 11 June at 7.30 pm – talk by John Robertson (formally of Alnwick Gardens) on ‘Lethal Lovelies’. Everyone welcome – pay at the door. On **Saturday 16 June** the Garden Club Coffee Morning will be held from 9.30 am onwards at the Methodist Hall. There will be plants, books, produce etc.

Womens' Institute

Wednesday 13 June – Christine Dixon ‘Pursuing a Passion’ (patchwork and quilting round the world); hostesses: Carol Adams and Diane Storrie; competition: a hand-worked item; stall: gift bag bring & buy. Visitors from Chollerton and Kirkheaton so please bring supper.

Hexham Debates – Saturday 23 June from 11-12.30 pm

Paul Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies, University of Bradford – What Chance for a Nuclear-free World?

The arms race has come back to haunt us in the era of Trump, Putin and Kim Jong-Un. With many in the UN advocating a Nuclear Weapons Convention to declare them illegal, what chance is there to move towards a nuclear-free world and what role could Britain play? Debate held at St Mary's Centre, Hencotes – admission free (retiring collection).

South Tyne Cinema Circuit at the General Havelock

Food and Film Night from 7 pm on Tuesday 26 June ‘Three Billboards outside Ebbing Missouri’ – ‘funny, brutal and breathtakingly beautiful’. £8.50 for film and meal – call Joanna on 684376 for further details.

Renovation of Parish Seats

Our thanks to Graham Gill (Bardon Mill Parish Council) for renovating the local seats which have been in place for over 60 years and were in urgent need of repair.

Cafe Scientifique Tuesday 3 July (7-9pm) at B Mill Village Hall

‘Birds of the North Sea’ by Keith Buchanan. This talk will look at the lifestyles and characteristics of some of our most familiar sea birds. Tickets £5 including refreshments. Tickets can be bought via www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/504166. For those who don't have online access, a few tickets are also available from Bardon Mill Village Shop.

ROTAS				
June	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
3 June	Beltingham	A Galbraith	H Rowlands/ J Galbraith	L Scott/ M Wilkinson
10 June	Henshaw	C Adams	L Scott/ P Collingwood	J Potts/ S Walker/ B Stockdale
17 June	Beltingham	W Green	L Slater/ D Palmer	“
1 July	Beltingham	A Galbraith	L Scott/ S Walker	F Wancke/ L Slater/ C Wancke