

THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW Parish Newsletter March 2019

How do you like your pancakes – sweet or savoury, lemon and sugar or ham and cheese? And why do we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday – this year on 5 March? Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent, because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent which emphasizes eating simpler food. Shrove Tuesday traditionally began at 11:00am with the ringing of a church bell and in many places there will be pancake races. In other countries, the date is also celebrated as Mardi Gras (which means Fat Tuesday), or Carnival (the word is derived from the Latin meaning the putting away of meat) or Masquerade (the form which the celebration takes in Venice).

There are particular celebrations in Scarborough where they close the foreshore to all traffic, closing schools early, and inviting everyone to skip. Traditionally, long ropes were used from the nearby harbour. The town crier rings the pancake bell to start the fun. In London, there is a Parliamentary Pancake Race with teams from the Houses of Commons and Lords battling for the title of Parliamentary Pancake Race Champions. The fun relay race is to raise funds for charity.

A key part of the fun, of course, is tossing the pancakes to turn them over. With supervision, children love to “have a go”, although they are often less keen to clear up the resulting mess!

SERVICES		
MARCH	BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
3 March	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am Parish Eucharist
6 March Ash Wednesday	9 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist with Ashing	7.30 pm Parish Eucharist with Ashing
10 March Lent 1	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church
17 March Lent 2	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11 am Parish Eucharist
	3 pm God’s Tent – pitching to be arranged	
24 March Lent 3	8.30 am Henshaw – BCP Communion	10 am Celebration Service
	5 pm Haydon Old Church – Evening Prayer	
31 March Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Henshaw – BCP Matins	11 am – BCP Eucharist
7 April Lent 5	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11 am – Parish Eucharist

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

17 February - Theo Armstrong at All Hallows’ Henshaw.

Burials

1 February - Hannah Purvis at Beltingham following a service at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church.

7 February - James Sisterson Ballantine of Melkridge at Beltingham, following a service at All Hallows’ Henshaw.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 1 March at 2 pm at St John's RC Church, Haydon Bridge.

The Vicar's Letter

At our pitching of God's Tent last month, we tried to slow ourselves down by using the ancient spiritual activity of a Labyrinth. A Labyrinth, unlike a maze, is not there to get lost in. A Labyrinth has one way in and one way out, but to make it all the way through, you have to slow yourself down to follow the path that is set. So, in Crow Woods in Newbrough, we used large sticks and branches to lay out a simple Labyrinth and slow ourselves down.

In the Christian tradition, Labyrinths have been used as a substitute for pilgrimage. If you were unable to go on one of the great pilgrimages you could, for example in Chartres Cathedral, walk the Labyrinth laid out on the floor there (preferably on your knees) to experience the spiritual and personal benefits that comes from being part of the journey of faith.

This Lent, which begins on Wednesday 6 March, we will be beginning our great annual journey of faith through the weeks of Lent to the great story of Holy Week and Easter. Through this time, some of us will be gathering week by week to explore the theme of pilgrimage, through reflections on the 2010 Martin Sheen film *The Way*. We will be showing *The Way* at 4pm on Sunday 3 March at the General Havelock in Haydon Bridge. Anyone who would like to watch this wonderful film, whether you would like to be part of a Lent group or not, is very welcome to come along.

This film, and the Lent course, is then part of a wider pattern of events and activities we will be putting on this year to explore in lots of different ways the great personal and spiritual benefits we can all find in exploring and engaging with our own journey of faith. Perhaps we'll see you on the way.

Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

Parish Electoral Roll

Every 6 years the Parish is required to refresh in full its Electoral Roll. Those whose names are on the electoral roll are entitled to take part in the annual church meeting, at which elections to church offices take place, and where there can be a general discussion of church and parochial affairs. Entry on the Electoral roll is open to all who are over 16, baptised and resident or non residents who regularly worship in the parish. This year's full refresh of the Roll requires a new application from those on the previous roll, together with applications from others who wish to be included. If you wish to be sent an application form or if you require any further information, please ring the Churchwarden, Anne Galbraith (344702).

Lent Groups

The theme of the Lent Groups this year is Pilgrimage. The scene for the groups will be set by a showing of the film "The Way", starring Martin Sheen, (which tells the story of a group of Pilgrims walking the Way of St James to Santiago de Compostela) at the General Havelock on Sunday 3 March at 4 pm, with tea and cake. All are welcome at this free showing, with no obligation to join one of the Lent Groups. The groups themselves will start thereafter, with groups running on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Bardon Mill and on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Haydon Bridge. Ring Carol Adams (344398) for dates, times and venues.

Mothers' Union

There will be a Benefice Lunch at the General Havelock on 5th March from 12 for 12.30 pm. Menus, with choices for a two-course meal, will be circulated later. Contact me on 344557 if you would like to come to this event. Everyone is welcome. Anne Brunton

On **27 March** there will be a **Lady Day HC & Members Meeting** at Henshaw with Rev Dr John Harrison. On **29 March** there will be a **Diocesan Council Meeting at 10 for 10.30 am at Kingston Park.**

On 30th March there will be a ‘**Make a Mother's Day**’ **Coffee Morning in Haydon Bridge Community Centre from 9.30-11.30 am.** Mabel Rennie, who died 3 years ago, always hosted the coffee morning on the fifth Saturday of the month. The Mothers' Union will hold these coffee mornings in Mabel's memory. We will have various stalls, books, home produce and an all new stall with craft items. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Shepherds Dene in the Spring

A further day of prayer and reflection has been arranged for **Tuesday 30th April** from 10.00-3.30pm. This will be led by the Rev. Gill Alexander. The cost for the day is £22.00; this includes morning tea/coffee, a light lunch and afternoon tea/coffee with cake. If you are interested please contact Yvonne Hewitt, yhewitt@btinternet.com to book a place.

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ROTAS				
March	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
3 March	Henshaw	A Storrie	P Collingwood/ J Galbraith	F Wancke/ L Slater
10 March	Beltingham	W Green	D Palmer/ L Scott	C Thompson/ D Furlong
17 March	Beltingham	A Galbraith	D McKenna/ S Walker	“
24 March	Henshaw	A Storrie		J Potts/ S Walker/ B Stockdale
31 March	Henshaw	C Adams	P Collingwood/ Y Hewitt	“

VILLAGE NEWS

Monthly Lunch at the Bowes Hotel from 12 for 12.30 pm

The monthly lunch is on the first Friday of each month and no booking is required. Come along and enjoy the company.

Cafe Scientifique - Tuesday 5 March - 7-9 pm BM Village Hall

Our second event of the year is entitled ‘The Solar System’ with Emma Guerrero – an interactive tour through the solar system. Emma is a space enthusiast and regularly gives talks. **Tickets are £5 as usual including tea/coffee and cake.** Tickets can be purchased now by copying and pasting this link www.ticketsource.co.uk. Search for Bardon Mill Events. To join the group please email maureen.matters@gmail.com. As previously, a few tickets will be available at the village shop for those who don't have internet access.

Haltwhistle Gardening Club at 7.30 pm the Comrades Club

On Monday 11 March a talk by Susie White ‘Creating a Beautiful Wildlife Garden’. All welcome – visitors £3 at the door.

South Tyne Wildlife Group at 7.30 pm the Comrades Club

On Tuesday 12 March, Kevin O’Hara from the Vincent Wildlife Trust ‘The Pine Marten in North East England’. £3 – all welcome.

Women's Institute at 7 pm in the Village Hall

On Wednesday 13 March, LesleyAnn Bradford 'Embroidery on Paper' – hands on, bring specs!! Hostesses: Mary Reed and Carol Elliott; Competition: Prettiest Spec Case; Stall: Gift Bag Bring & Buy.

South Tyne Sustainability is looking at two new initiatives in 2019 and everyone is welcome to the initial informal meetings. The first of these, about recycling plastics, is to be held on **Tuesday 19 March** at the Old Booking Hall, Haltwhistle Station at 7.30 pm. The second is a follow-up from the recent Cafe Scientifique meeting at Bardon Mill as there is considerable interest in looking at the potential for a community energy project. This meeting, to be confirmed, will be held at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 26 March** also at the Old Booking Hall. Contact Sue Seymour on 01697747359 or sue@mosspectral.com for further information.

South Tyne Cinema Circuit at the General Havelock

Film & Food Night from 7 pm on **Tuesday 26 March**, 'Metropolis' (£10 for film and meal). Call Joanna on 684376 for more information about the film.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Highlights Present – Oskar's Amazing Adventure on **Sunday 7 April at 2 pm**. This play for young children uses a mix rich of storytelling, clowning, puppetry, music and song.

On Saturday 13 April at 7.30 pm Theatre by the Lake, Miss Julie, a Strindberg masterpiece. Both at the Village Hall, telephone 344424 for tickets and further information.

Bardon Mill History Group

Our next meeting will be a group visit to the Bellingham Heritage Centre (including a WWI Exhibition) on **Monday 8 April**. Contact Steve Gibbon on 344383 or Stephen.gibbon@bopenworld.com for further information.

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