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THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW

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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 the Galilee Chapel in Durham Cathedral, is pictured above. His Saints Day is May 25th.

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
Thursday Ascension Day 10 May	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	11 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

Letter from the Vicar - The Reverend Dr Benjamin Carter

In the chancel of St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge there is a stained-glass window of the Ascension. In it a serene long-haired Jesus is floating in mid-air blessing his disciples who are looking on in silent awe. A couple of years ago I was with a primary school group in Church and I asked did anyone know what was going on in this picture. One bright child put up their hand and asked: 'are they throwing him in the air?!'

The child's answer reminds us of one of the problems we have as we come to the feast of the Ascension, which we mark on Thursday 10 May. Coming as it does forty days after Easter, Ascension Day marks that moment when Jesus, after blessing his disciples 'was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of sight' (Acts 1:9). Christian art has often focused on this part of the Ascension story, with wonderful paintings showing a pair of feet poking out from a cloud to capture that moment just before Jesus passed out of sight for the last time.

There is, however, a problem with this focus – it makes this seem like this is the end of the story. Ascension Day can all too easily become the biblical equivalent of Jesus riding off into the sunset at the end of the film. But Jesus is clear that this is not the end, but the beginning of something new: 'you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8). Ascension Day is not the end, but the beginning of the charge God makes to us all to continue Jesus' work on earth. Waiting for the day of Pentecost (on Sunday 20 May) we prepare ourselves to step forward into the life and work that Jesus has set before us.

On Thursday 10 May we will be marking Ascension Day with a Eucharist at Beltingham at 6pm followed by drinks. That will be a wonderful evening led by The Very Rev'd Michael Sadgrove, Dean Emeritus of Durham. But it will also be a stepping off point into the opportunities we all have to know more about the Good News that God sets before us in Jesus, as we continue to live faithfully as his followers in these Parishes by the Wall. Your Vicar, **Benjamin**

From the Parish Rolls

Baptism – On Sunday 22 April, at All Hallows' Henshaw – James Hall

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 the recent Celebration Service, 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 near Hadrians Wall

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.

Ascension Day Eucharist - Thursday 10 May at 6 pm at St Cuthbert's Beltingham, conducted by the Very Rev'd

Michael Sadgrove, followed by drinks and a fundraising supper at the Old Vicarage. Tickets for the supper are £15 from Anne Galbraith on 344702.

Bowes Lyon Trust – The Trust, created by the Will of the Hon Francis Bowes Lyon in 1948, is administered by Trustees, (currently the Vicar and the Churchwardens). The Trust can make small grants to people in the parish of Beltingham with Henshaw, on grounds of hardship. If you know of anyone who could benefit from such a grant, please speak to Nigel Collingwood, Secretary to the Trust, on 344119. All applications are treated in confidence.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday, May 23rd. At 7.30 pm in the Parish Room, Henshaw. "Being Dementia Friendly" with Margaret Weaver. **This meeting is open to anyone interested to learn more on this topic.**

Next PCC Meeting – Thursday May 31st at 7.30 pm in Parish Room.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 10 June, 3 pm to 6 pm – Open Garden

At the Old Vicarage, Beltingham. Stroll around with a glass of wine. In aid of the free production of this Newsletter. Ring 344702 for tickets (£6) or pay at the gate. **Parking available nearby.**

Sunday 1st July – Priesting of Gill Alexander, Curate,
Newcastle Cathedral.

Saturday 7th July – Gill Alexander's First Eucharist

At 5 pm at St Cuthbert's, Beltingham, followed by refreshments.

Saturday 28th July – Church Coffee Morning at Haltwhistle Methodist Hall. Please let Libby Scott (344582) know if you can help at this event – we need at least 15 pairs of hands. We also need books, bric a brac, produce, raffle and tombola prizes.

VILLAGE NEWS

Cafe Scientifique Tuesday 1st May (7-9pm) at B Mill Village Hall

“Do you know what you are eating?” with Lou Close. Lou has raised pigs, chickens and cows on her own smallholding. Her talk with help to raise the profile of compassion in farming, and of wonderful local producers. Tickets £5 including refreshments can be booked via www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/477028 (no booking fee).

Womens’ Institute – Wednesday 9th May at 7 pm B Mill Village Hall – AGM and Resolutions. Hostesses: Anne Iley and Joyce Walker.

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme

At Bardon Mill Village Hall on Friday 11 May at 7.30 pm ‘Gone Cuckoo’ with Malcolm Green, story-teller and Joshua Green, musician. For millennia, the cuckoo’s call has inspired songs, stories and poems. Now the voice of the cuckoo is fading – where has it gone?

Jango Starr’s One Man’s Shoe - Wednesday 30 May at 2 pm at the Village Hall - This is a hilarious journey of silent comedy for 5 year olds and above. Tickets from Geeta on 344424 or geetabannister@googlemail.com.

Haltwhistle Garden Club – Tuesday May 14th 7.30 pm at the Comrades Club – Marjorie Goodchild – “Successes and pitfalls of creating a garden”. Plants will be for sale

Hexham Debates – Saturday 5th May from 11-12.30 pm - Tim Marshall, journalist and author – “Worth Dying For; the power and politics of flags”. This talk is part of the Hexham Book Festival, and combines current events with world history. Check for venue at www.hexhamdebates.wordpress.com And Saturday, 19th May – Sarah Bryson, Community Organiser, Tyne and Wear Citizens, “How and why the economic model is broken in Britain”. What can we do to create change in the North East about levels of inequality.

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 and offers of assistance to Libby on 344582.

South Tyne Cinema Circuit at the General Havelock, Food and Film night – Tuesday, May 29th – “Lost in Paris” – A clever, funny and

distinctly unworldly comedy with an insouciant line in visual humour. Booking necessary, £8.50 for film and meal. Call Joanna on 684376.

Zumba Gold at Bardon Mill Village Hall

Every Wednesday from 10-10.45 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.

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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	A Brunton D Hartley P Coll’wood
20 May	Beltingham	W Green	L Slater S Walker	“
27 May	Henshaw	A Storrie	Y Hewitt D Storrie	L Scott/ M Wilkinson
3 June	Beltingham	A Galbraith	H Rowlands/ J Galbraith	“

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