



THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW

Parish Newsletter May 2022

From our Vicar, Steve

Taste and see, see that the Lord is good. I wonder if you have any Easter chocolates left? Or any Easter joy? In Dubai, because the number of churches worshipping in English are limited, we had people from all church backgrounds worshipping at our church and one prominent leader from an independent church background had the task of choosing hymns on the week following Easter. She chose good music but nothing really on the Easter theme and I queried it. 'But Easter was last week!' she exclaimed in surprise, and we had to teach her that Easter is not just a day, it's a season, and she was really pleased. 'So we can have all my favourite Easter hymns then, spread over several weeks!' and she put in her requests and her Easter joy was spread over the season until Ascension Day.

If normal life takes away the joy of a particular occasion or season too quickly, what could you do to relish and enjoy the memory of it for longer? (Of course this applies to other good things we have in our lives too.) The way to make your chocolates last longer would either be to have more, or to ration them. The way to have more Easter joy could be to enter into it more fully by having a proper Holy Week and paying full attention to the message of it on the day, but



it's too late for that now because Easter's done. But no, the season continues and the memory of it can be recalled, you can look again at the record of it, not just photos like the ones here from Greenhead's exhibition of crosses, but the written records of the gospels themselves and of the hymns we sing during this season. In this way you can count your blessings, as they say, and smile, and if you have any chocolates left, enjoy them, deliberately calling to mind why you got them. Taste and see, the Lord is good.



Services for May 2022

Date and time	President	Church
May 1, 11am	Rev'd Canon Stephen Wright Holy Communion	All Hallows', Henshaw
May 8, 11am	Rev'd Canon Stephen Wright Holy Communion	All Hallows', Henshaw
May 15, 11am	Rev'd Keith Teasdale, Holy Communion	All Hallows', Henshaw
May 22, 11am	Morning Prayer, Carol Adams and Anne Galbraith	All Hallows', Henshaw
May 29, 10 am * NOTE TIME	Rev'd Canon Stephen Wright First Joint Service with Greenhead and Haltwhistle, Holy Communion	All Hallows', Henshaw

Ascension Day, Thursday 26 May

There will be a service of **Holy Communion at 6 pm at All Hallows', Henshaw**, conducted by our Vicar Steve, followed by a small parish fundraising supper in the church room. If you would be interested to stay for supper, please check with Anne Galbraith (684302) or Carol Adams (344398) about availability of places, as the room has limited capacity.

Mothers' Union

25 May at 2.30 in the Church Room at All Hallows', Henshaw, Mrs Averil Harrison will speak about "Desert Island Hymns".

22 June – the speaker will be the Very Rev'd Michael Sadgrove, speaking about his favourite psalms.

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 of Beltingham with Henshaw. The Trust can make small grants to people in the Parish of Beltingham with Henshaw on the 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.

Haltwhistle Garden Club

May 9 – a talk by Andrew from "Gardeners Cottage Plants".

June 10 – a trip to the Himalayan Garden at Ripon.

Cafe Scientifique

3 May: Northumberland Rocks with Ian Jackson, Geologist Discover the amazing story that Northumberland's rocks have to tell. This talk will explore the full history of Northumberland, from 425 million years ago to the present and explain how and why its rocks are the reason for the region's outstanding scenery and landscape and the basis for its wildlife, history, economy and culture. The talk is based Ian's newly released book Northumberland Rocks. Ian will use the places in the book to open a window into the Northumberland beneath everyone's feet and reveal the origins of its landscape and its habitats. Every place has a fascinating story to tell.

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/bardon-mill-henshaw-village-hall Some are also available at Bardon Mill Village Store. To join email maureen.matters@gmail.com.

Some memorable dates in May

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 is in the Galilee Chapel in Durham Cathedral. His Saints Day is **25 May**.

Josephine Butler, social reformer

Josephine Butler was born on 13 April 1828 in Northumberland. Her father John Grey was a strong advocate of social reform and a campaigner against the slave trade. His cousin was Earl Grey, British prime minister between 1830 and 1834. Josephine married George Butler in 1852. He was an academic with similar political views to her own. Together they had four children but in 1863, their six year old daughter died. In an attempt to cope with her grief, Butler threw herself into charity work, particularly related to the rights of women. Amongst the issues on which she campaigned was child prostitution. She was part of a group which forced parliament to raise the age of consent from 13 to 16.

Butler also took a great interest in women's education. She pressured the authorities at Cambridge University into providing further education courses for women, which eventually led to the foundation of the all-women college at Newnham. She was appointed president to the North of England Council for the Higher Education of Women in 1867. Butler's writing - promoting social reform for women as well as education and equality - was widely distributed. Her most famous publication 'Personal Reminiscences of a Great Crusade' was written in 1896.

Butler died on 30 December 1906. In recent times, one of the new colleges at Durham University has been named in her honour. She is remembered in the Church on **30 May**, the same date on which Joan of Arc is remembered.

Total lunar eclipse

People in the Americas, Europe and Africa will see the total lunar eclipse during the night of **May 15-16, 2022**. On this night, the moon is close: a supermoon. Because they are so deep, such eclipses typically have the longest total phases. In this case, the duration of totality lasts almost an hour and a half.

A total lunar eclipse can be seen from all of Earth that is experiencing night, while the eclipse is taking place, but some will see the eclipse better than others, depending on location. Lunar eclipses are safe to view with the unaided eye. Binoculars and telescopes enhance the view, but aren't required. The May full moon is a supermoon, closest to the Earth for May just 1.5 days before the eclipse takes place. Thus, in the day or two after the eclipse, people who live along a coastline can expect higher-than-usual tides. These are called perigean spring tides. But in recent years, since close new or full moons have come to be called supermoons, the extra high tides they bring are sometimes called supermoon tides.

VE (Victory in Europe) Day

8 May 1945 was a day that remained in the memory of all those who witnessed it. It meant an end to nearly six years of a war that had cost the lives of millions, had destroyed homes, families and cities, and had brought huge suffering

and privations to the populations of entire countries. Millions of people rejoiced in the news that Germany had surrendered, relieved that the intense strain of total war was finally over. In towns and cities across the world, people marked the victory with street parties, dancing and singing. But it was not the end of the conflict, nor was it an end to the impact the war had on people. The war against Japan did not end until August 1945, and the political, social and economic repercussions of the Second World War were felt long after VE Day.

Memorial at Bardon Mill – a poem by Keith Brunton

Their names are carved in tribute
to thirty of our sons
on memorials in Belgium and in France,
on Tyne Cot, Thiepval, Menin Gate
and places far across the globe.
But gathered on our own cross
upon the village green
they meet again in brotherhood
as if they'd all come home.
No clock to mark the hour,
the Vicar checks his watch and starts the prayers.
With solemn slow delivery
two veterans from the Paras
with their medals and red berets
read out the names before the wreaths are laid.
War and death show no distinction,
miner's son or heir to Ridley Hall.
But save your full compassion
for the tragedy and anguish,
the suffering of the family who lost three sons
in Flanders bloody fields.



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all we pray for your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

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