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Armistice Day – Remembrance Sunday

The first Armistice Day was held at Buckingham Palace, commencing with King George V hosting a "Banquet in Honour of the President of the French Republic" during the evening hours of 10 November 1919. The first official Armistice Day events were subsequently held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace on the morning of 11 November 1919. This would set the trend for a day of Remembrance for decades to come.

In 1919 a two minute silence was proposed and thereafter, people have observed a one or two-minute silence at 11:00 am local time. It is a sign of respect for, in the first minute, the roughly 20 million people who died in the war. Where a two minute silence is observed, it is dedicated to the living left behind, generally understood to be wives, children and families affected by the conflict. In Britain, beginning in 1939, the two-minute silence was moved to the Sunday nearest to 11 November in order not to interfere with wartime production, should 11 November fall on a weekday.

Our Remembrance Service is 10 am at Henshaw Church and just before 11 am, War Memorial in Bardon Mill. You are very welcome to both.

SERVICES		
NOVEMBER	BELTINGHAM/ HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
5 November All Saints/All Souls	9.30 am Beltingham - Parish Eucharist 3.30 pm All Souls Service - Henshaw	11.00 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church 5 pm All Souls Service
12 November Remembrance	10 am Remembrance Day Service + Storybook Church - Henshaw	10.15 am Remembrance Day Service
19 November 2 before Advent	9.30 am Parish Eucharist - Beltingham	11 am Parish Eucharist
3 pm – God’s Tent, pitching tbc		
26 November Christ the King	8.30 am Communion – Haydon Bridge 10 am Celebration Service - Haydon Bridge	
Saturday 2 December	3 pm – Advent Carol Service, Haydon Old Church	
3 December Advent	9.30 am Parish Eucharist – Beltingham	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church

Vicar: The Reverend Dr Benjamin Carter

The Vicar writes...

My favourite story in the Bible is the one about Jacob’s Ladder. If you don’t know it you can find it in chapter 28 of the Book of Genesis. In it Jacob, fleeing from his conflict with his brother Esau, has a vision in a dream of a ladder leading up and down to heaven, with angels going up and down the ladder. Waking from his dream Jacob recognises the closeness of God’s love to him with these memorable words: “Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it”.

I don’t know why I love this story. It might be the memory of a family holiday in Bath where the west front of the Abbey there is decorated with the image of Jacob’s Ladder. It might have been the description of Jacob using a stone as a pillow in the story, which for some reason

Haltwhistle Garden Club – Monday 13 November, 7.30 pm at the Comrades Club

Extraordinary General Meeting – bring food for supper, followed by a quiz and perhaps a willingness to join the Committee!

South Tyne Wildlife Group, Comrades Club, Haltwhistle

On Tuesday 14 November at 7.30pm - a film in collaboration with South Tyne Cinema Circuit and South Tyne Sustainability – ‘Seed: The Untold Story’, a look at the vital role plant seeds play in sustaining humanity and how patent policies of the large agricultural corporations are limiting the ability of farmers to save and grow food-bearing plants. £3 entry – all welcome.

Christmas Craft Fayre at Twice Brewed on 16 November (6-9 pm) and Friday 17 November (12 noon to 4 pm)

– stalls include jewellery, paintings, candles, food & drink - free entry, all welcome.

Shaftoe Singers on Friday 24 November at 7.30 pm at Bardon Mill Village Hall

– come and listen to a wide selection of music, a delicious supper, a quiz and even some games, all for £5 a ticket.

South Tyne Cinema Circuit at the General Havelock Tuesday 28 November ‘Film & Food Night’

‘Moonlight’ is a chronicle of the childhood, adolescence and burgeoning adulthood of a young African-American, gay man growing up in a rough neighbourhood of Miami. **Booking necessary - £8.50 for meal and film – contact Joanna on 684376 for further details.**

ROTAS				
November	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
5 November	Beltingham	A Galbraith	H Rowlands/ D Palmer	F Wancke/ L Slater/ C Wancke
12 November	Henshaw	A Storrie	Y Hewitt/ J Galbraith	Storey/ Harding/ Walters
19 November	Beltingham	Green	Collingwood/ Slater	“
3 December	Beltingham	tbc	tbc	tbc

Harvest Festival Celebrations

The school has had a wonderful lead up to the Harvest celebrations. We started by having a celebration assembly in All Hallows Church. The children spoke out clearly about what they were proud of, especially of the amount of work they had completed on their WWII topic. One child in reception can now write her name and one in KS1 was also proud of his writing about a zoo. The children have been learning about why we celebrate Harvest Festivals, Harvest around the World and have been baking bread, including a Harvest loaf. This year our Federation Harvest Festival was held at St Cuthbert's Church, Greenhead, where we joined our sister school and sang some lovely harvest hymns. The children also helped tell the story of 'Stone Soup', using props. The parents donated several bags of food for our Harvest too and we were thrilled at how many of our families attended the event.

VILLAGE NEWS

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme presents the **Christine Tobin Songbird Trio** at **Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle** on **Saturday 4 November** at **7.30 pm**. The Irish born vocalist and composer is renowned for her unique rich voice and compositional style. Her expressive range acknowledges folk, jazz and classical influences. **Tickets from 01434-320260.**

Bardon Mill History Group

Monday 6 November at 2 pm Village Hall – Stan Owen 'Bardon Mill, the Aldershot of the North'. All welcome.

Cafe Scientifique

Tuesday 7 November from 7-9 pm at Bardon Mill Village Hall

Ian Jackson '50 Shades of Grey – a story of the Whin Sill'.

Tickets £5 including refreshments. For further information email maureen.matters@gmail.com

Womens' Institute

Wednesday 8 November – 7 pm Bardon Mill Village Hall

Natalie Palmer 'Hula Hoops'; hostesses: Doreen Wallace and Sheila Oughton; competition: a bangle; stall: gift bag bring & buy. Visitors – please bring some supper.

stuck with me. Certainly, as I have come to love the grandeur and beauty of our landscape, I find myself returning to Jacob's words: the Lord is in this place.

During November we find ourselves, like Jacob, close to the gate of heaven. Be it through the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, through Remembrance Sunday, or at the month with the Feast of Christ the King. In the Church of England we call this time 'Kingdom Season' and in it we, like Jacob, think especially about our closeness to God's kingdom. The problem is that in grief, in the passing years of time and simply in life, we can like Jacob before his dream, feel distant from God's promise of the hereafter. But in this month, we don't just think of those who have ascended that ladder and slipped from our sight, we also think about how the wonder and promise of God's Kingdom descends to us here on earth.

In John's Gospel we hear, at the end of the first chapter, Jesus quote from the story of Jacob's Ladder. By doing it he reminds us that in Jesus, God connects with the promise of God's kingdom. In Jesus, and in the love he reveals to us, we are connected with all who are gathered into God's love on the other side of time. In Jesus we see and know that connection between now and the hereafter, and when two or three are gathered in his name we know that Jesus is in our midst, that Jacob's Ladder joins us to heaven, and that the Lord is in this place.

Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

All Souls Services – there will be two All Souls services, one at All Hallows', Henshaw at 3.30 pm on 5 November, and the other at 5 pm at St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge. If you wish to have a loved one remembered at either service, please let the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens know.

Mothers Union

22 November - at the Methodist Chapel, Haydon Bridge – 'Speech and Language Therapy', Pippa Exham.



Next pitching will be Sunday 19 November at 3 pm – venue tbc.

We are hoping to continue through the autumn months with God's Tent activities, especially now that we have a carpet for the tent. We have already had a few outings at various locations. These have included the Roman Wall, for kite flying, to Moralee Farm and to Beltingham Nature Reserve and at Allen Banks. 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 are accompanied by a parent. Each event culminates in an act of worship.

Celebrating the 3rd Anniversary of Benjamin's Ministry With Us

At a special service of evening prayer, the Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove led a surprise version of the service on the exact date of Benjamin taking his first service in our benefice three years ago. What Benjamin did not know was that this would turn into a further celebration of his 40th birthday with birthday cake, candles and a party at which Stephanie and the children appeared! From his holiday in Snowdonia, Benjamin has sent a splendid postcard to thank everyone for their lovely birthday wishes and gifts.

Donations for Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation to the flower fund, please contact Judy Potts on 344480.

PCC – the next meeting will be on Thursday 30 November at 7.30 pm at Henshaw Church Room.

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Henshaw School News and Events

What a busy half term! So far we have:

- Started our Federation swimming lessons with our friends at Greenhead.
- Held a charity event to raise money for the Children's Heart Unit at the Freeman hospital.
- Worked with Daisy First Aid to learn skills to help to save a life.
- Celebrated our achievements in a Church assembly
- Held a Macmillan Coffee afternoon.
- Held after school clubs including gymnastics, needlecraft and cookery.
- Dressed as evacuees and visited Ouseburn tunnel to learn more about the WW2 topic.
- Had furry, four legged visitors!
- Joined together with our friends across the Federation for a joint Harvest Festival.