

*May 2017 ----- **BENEFICE NEWS** ----- May 2017*

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Services for May

		Hethersgill		Kirklington		Stapleton		Bewcastle	
4 th Sunday of Easter	7 th May	10 am United Service of Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's, Kirklington							DD
5 th Sunday of Easter	14 th May	10 am HC by Ext	DD			10 am HC	JR	No service	
Rogation Sunday	21 st May	2 pm Rogation Service at Park Rigg Farm, home of Mr P Atkinson							PG
Ascension Day	25 th May	7.30 pm Deanery Service of Holy Communion for Ascension Day at St Mary's, Stapleton. Celebrant: Rev E Johnson, Preacher Rev P Greenhalgh							
	27 th May	1.30 pm Wedding at St Cuthbert's, Kirklington							PG
7 th Sunday Of Easter	28 th May			10 am HC	PG	10 am HC by Ext	DD	6 pm EP	PG
Pentecost	4 th June	10 am United Service of Confirmation and Holy Communion with Bishop John at St Cuthbert's, Kirklington							PG

Rev. Philip Greenhalgh – PG Dick Davidson – DD Tony Bashford – TB

Rev. Rob Brown- RB Rt. Rev. John Richardson JR

If there is anyone who cannot get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact Rev. Greenhalgh

Other Services:

Knowe United Reformed Church, Bewcastle

(Services on first Sunday of the month)

.Russelgate Service every Sunday at 7 pm.

From the Registers:

Holy Baptism: Elliott Michael Robinson on 26th March at St Cuthbert's, Bewcastle
 Scarlett Amelia Robinson on 26th March at St Cuthbert's, Bewcastle
 Kevin Wheatcroft on 27th March at St Cuthbert's, Bewcastle
 Alex Wheatcroft on 27th March at St Cuthbert's, Bewcastle

Funeral: Alan Dixon Tailford on 20th March at St Cuthbert's, Kirklington
 Reginald Bright on 4th April at St Cuthbert's, Bewcastle

Morning Prayer is said at 8 o'clock every morning, Monday to Friday, in the oratory (conservatory) at Greenholme, Bewcastle. Everyone is welcome

Dear friends,

Within our rural parishes life is marked by significant times of shared lamentation and celebration. The day by day, week by week, season by season routine is punctuated by the extraordinary times of tragedy and achievement.

One of my favourite books in the Old Testament is Lamentations. It's a collection of five beautiful and intensely moving Hebrew poems composed following the Fall of Jerusalem to Babylon in 587 BC. The beauty of the poetry doesn't mask the horror of that defeat but rather intensifies the reality of a sense of abandonment felt by the whole community and expressed through the pen of that Hebrew poetic genius. A modern equivalent is the poetry of the First World War which we still read today and which helps us make sense of those terrible events happening across the Channel a hundred years ago. I wonder what "lamentations" are being composed in war-torn parts of the world today.

The Church is a place where community lamentation is safely expressed. During the Foot and Mouth Disease crisis in 2001 my church at St John's Chapel became such a place with both regular daily prayer and intercession on special occasions offered as a form of lamentation. Our annual agricultural show had to be cancelled but in its place we kept a day's vigil in the church with a constant supply of food and fellowship culminating in a dale-wide service of penitence and intercession. People in that part of Weardale still remember that formal act of lamentation which went hand-in-hand with practical pastoral care for all those whose lives were changed during those difficult months.

The Church is also there for those more private times of lamentation, often following a sudden or tragic death and last year we had more than our fair share of those.

Corporate lamentation helps us make some sense of the tragedies of life. Corporate celebration helps to form who we are when we achieve some aspect of our potential. Over the past few weeks we have celebrated and blessed marriage. Kevin and Alex came to Bewcastle church for a service of blessing on their wedding which took place last year on a beach in Antigua, how I wish I'd been there, think of the sea-birds! On Easter Day Stephen and Jenny celebrated 40 years of marriage and returned to Kirklington Church for a service of blessing and renewal of vows. Bob and Dorothy recently celebrated 70 years of marriage and we held a service of blessing in their home with a great crowd of family and friends, the kitchen table groaning under the weight of wonderful food and the sideboard crammed with bottles, Mick Lawson and I made sure glasses were well-filled and what fun we all had at that gathering.

Our four parish churches are focal points for lamentation and celebration for all. We aren't "congregational" churches, but the established Church of England, or as the latest diocesan slogan puts it: God for all. Sometimes I'm asked if I think our churches will ever close. The only people who can close a parish church are the locals. It's only when local parishioners decide they can't manage the upkeep of a building and lock the doors and hand the keys to bishop that a church may close. The usual reason for closing is if there's a problem which negates our public liability insurance. Then we have to close as we did temporarily at Bewcastle after Christmas when there was an electrical problem. Luckily we had enough funds to pay for the repair and we could then re-open. But that money had to come from our own small savings and the fact of life today is that if we can't afford an essential repair no-one else will come up with the money and the doors have to be locked.

I hope that in years to come our churches will be here for regular worship and the life of prayer day by day, week by week, and season by season. That our holy spaces will be there for those times of lamentation and celebration that form us as families and as a true community. To do that we need the on-going support of our many friends as well as the faithful hard work of our elected Wardens and small congregations.

From your friend and priest,
Philip

*May 2017 -----**NEWS AND THANKS** ----- May 2017*

Bewcastle Scout Group every Tuesday during term time at Roadhead Hall (October – April) and Bewcastle School (May – September) 6.15-7.45 pm. Open to boys & girls aged 6 – 14 years. Geoff 01228-792723, Simon 01228-675717, Emma 577270.

Shankhill C of E School Nursery education for children, free for children aged 3 plus Mon-Fri 9-12 noon with option to stay for lunch & play until 1pm 01228 577264 office@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk.

Shankhill Parent & Toddler Group every Wed 1:30 – 3:30pm during term time. 01228 577264
Shankhill Community Lunches every other Wednesday for a fresh, home cooked 2 course meal with coffee or tea for **£5.00**. See website or ring school. Bookings by 12 noon on day before.

Shankhill PTA collects printer cartridges, but no longer takes clothes. Please leave donations at School during term time or phone 01228 577264 to arrange collection

Bewcastle School nursery education for children, free for children 3 upwards. Mon-Fri 9am- 12, option to stay for lunch till 1pm, for more details call Ms Harland on 016977 48662 or email, admin@bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk, School website page www.bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk,

Bewcastle mother & Toddler group meet every Monday in term time, 1.15-2.45, come along for a coffee, chat & play, all welcome for more details ring school -016977 48662.

Bewcastle Primary School are now registered as a beneficiary with the " Giving Machine "which generates free donations when you shop online. It does not cost you anything but by signing up to it, it will help with our fundraising. To sign up is quick & easy. Please go to our School website - www.bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk Community or PFA page and follow the links to get registered.

Bewcastle School Parents & Friends Association are running their Annual 50 CLUB again. This runs from April to April. Membership is still only £ 12.00 for the year, with a draw made every month with Cash Prizes. Please send your Name, Address and Payment to Bewcastle School. (Cheques made payable to Bewcastle School PFA)Thankyou for your support.

Bewcastle community swimming Pool opening for the season, 27th May, till September TBC, £35 for a family membership, all membership forms can be downloaded from the link on the school website, www.bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk or call in to school, also more info on 01697748662

Bewcastle Parish Council now has a website. www.bewcastleparishcouncil.org.uk.

Looking for local crafters and artists interested in taking part in a craft fayre in Stapleton Hall on Saturday 27th May 2017. Please contact Clare on 016977 48421 or email Clare@glassylassie.co.uk

Needlecraft self help classes at Roadhead Hall Tuesdays , 2-4pm

Stapleton Knit & Natter Group meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm at Stapleton Hall

Kirklington Carpet Bowling Club meets on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm. Details Ivor 01228 675534

Stapleton Carpet Bowling Club has finished for the season and restarts in September

Friendly, traditional folk session for all levels including beginners on the first Tuesday of the month.at the Crossings Inn. - all welcome. Mainly English, Irish, Scottish tunes and songs but we're not fussy! Session starts at 8pm. First session on 6th June 2017.

Post Offices: Roadhead Hall, Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am,**Stapleton Hall**, Wed 12.15 – 2 pm

Recycling at Roadhead Hall Please flatten cardboard before putting in the bins, full boxes take up too much space and don't allow others to put cardboard in the bins.no plastic bags in other bins.

Voluntary Social Car Scheme provides transport to members of the community of any age. Passengers pay 35p for each mile travelled (25p after 20 miles). If 2 people or more travel then the fare is shared between them. contact Freddie Nixon 016977 48241 (Roadhead) or Pat Nixon 016977 45414 (Walton).

Robert and Dorothy Lowson would like to thank everyone who helped them celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary, especially their daughter Bryony and other members of the family, and Val Greenhalgh and Bryan Fox for the wonderful cakes. The flowers and gifts and food were wonderful but the best thing was seeing so many friends.

May 2017 -----EVENTS----- May 2017

Saturday 29th April 7.30 pm Bring and Share Supper Dance at Hethersgill Parish Hall with Roe Valley Band. Proceeds to Hethersgill Church Fabric Fund. £7. Bar. 01228 675389

Saturday 6th May 8.30 am Walk (7.5m moderate) Philiphaugh and a different route to the Three Brethren. Meet Memorial Hall, Longtown. Details Harry 01228 675910

Saturday 6th May 10 am Annual swimming pool spring clean at Bewcastle Pool. All welcome, the more the merrier

Saturday 6th May 8 pm Stapleton Public Hall Dance with Gordon Brown £7 Bar available. Details 016977 48301/48337

Tuesday 16th May 7.30 pm Bewcastle Heritage Society meeting at Roadhead Hall. £3 on the door. Cumbrian Myths and Legends: an illustrated talk by David Ramshaw.

Saturday 20th May 9 am Walk (9m easy) Flakebridge Woods and Dufton Ghyll. Meet Auction Car Park. Details Harry 01228 675910

Saturday 20th May 7.30 pm Bring & Share Supper Dance at Hethersgill Parish Hall with Tartan Country. Bar £6 Contact 01228 675389/523957

Sunday 21st May 2-5 pm Afternoon tea at Roadhead hall, £10 per person, all proceeds to Bewcastle community swimming pool, Details 01697748662/ 01697748006 all welcome

Sunday 21st May 6 pm Stapleton Public Hall Car Treasure Hunt and Sausage Sizzle leaving the hall from 6 pm. £2.50 per person includes 1 hot dog. Also a plant stall. Donations appreciated.

Thursday 25th May Scaleby & District Flower Club. Outing to Abbotsford House, Melrose

Friday 26th May 7 pm Stapleton PCC Spring Fair in Stapleton Public Hall. Cake stalls, produce, plants etc. Homemade teas. Gifts for stalls & offers of help appreciated. Contact any member of the PCC.

Saturday 27th May 10 am – 4 pm Craft Fayre in Stapleton Hall. Please come along and support our first Spring Craft Fair at Stapleton Hall, Roweltown. With lots of lovely local crafts, a furniture painting demonstration, teas, coffees and cakes. It's free admission too! Details Clare 016977 48421

Wednesday 31st May 11 – 3 pm May Fairy Day at Kirklington Hall. Tickets from <https://www.facebook.com/events/171951339895025/>

Claiming Dates

Saturday 3rd June Stapleton Public Hall Dance with Bon Accords

Tuesday 6th June 12.30 pm for lunch, 1.30 pm meeting. Brampton 50+ Forum at Brampton Community Centre

Tuesday 6th June 8 pm Folk sessions at the Crossings Inn. All welcome

Friday 9th June 7 pm – midnight BBQ & live music by "No band Required", at Skitby House Restaurant, Tickets £20 includes a welcome drink, available from Skitby, 01228 675241, Joyce; 016977 48338, Caroline; 016977 48800, Joanne; 016977 48166, Esther; 016977 46816, Andrea; 016977 48006 All Proceeds to "The Macmillan Mighty Hike" Cancer Support

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th June Stepping Stones Festival at Kirklington Hall. Tickets & info 016977 48833

Saturday 17th June 7.30 pm Bring & Share Supper Dance at Hethersgill Parish Hall with Bon Accords

Sunday 18th June 1 – 5 pm National Garden Scheme Open Garden at Tithe Barn, Laversdale, CA6 4PJ (near Carlisle Airport) the home of Gordon & Christine Davidson. Entry £4, children free, including home made teas.

Friday 30th June & Saturday July 1st NSPCC Stop for coffee/lunch or tea at Cliffe Cottage

Friday 30th June (please note change of date) Kirklington with Hethersgill Summer Fair

Saturday 15th July Bring & Share Supper Dance at Hethersgill Parish Hall with Lyne Valley

Sunday 24th September Harvest Lunch in Hethersgill Parish Hall

Saturday 2nd December Christmas Fair in Hethersgill Parish Hall

Saturday 24th February 2018. Stapleton Public Hall concert with the Haley Sisters

WI Meetings

Kirklington WI	9 th May	John Dalton: Hands on small flower arrangement	Comp: Flower arrangement
Stapleton WI	11 th May	93 rd Birthday Party (dinner to be arranged)	Comp: Dyed egg

Deadline for the June 2017 issue is 1pm on Saturday 13th May to Tricia Coombe, Damhead, Lyneholme Ford, Roweltown, CA6 6LQ. 016977 48833 TimothyCoombe@aol.com

Bewcastle Newsletter Outlets: Bewcastle Church; Bewcastle School - now online only on School website Community Page; Mary Phillips, 7 Sleetbeck Road; Garry Phillips, Motor Engineer, Roadhead; Roadhead Hall; Knowe Church; Bailey Mill.