

Silent Auction

There will be a Silent Auction and a Cheese and Wine social evening on 11th November 7.00 - 9.00pm. Donations for the silent auction can also include promises as well as items. Please let me know before the 7th November what you would like to donate. Do you have any donations that might be placed in the Auction including, of course, any promises. Donations that might nett anything from £5 -£100.

Please contact Pamela Wright on 07798 820051

Advent Supper.

Saturday 2nd December 6.30 for 7pm. Parish Centre.

Sit down meal, raffle and entertainment!

Sign up sheets at the back of church from 12th November.

The Fabric Group

The Fabric Group are a working party which meets on the third Saturday of the month – volunteers needed – this is an opportunity to keep up to date with the many small jobs around the church – there will be a selection of jobs for all levels of skills and expertise. The Fabric Group working day will be from 9.00 to 12.00 and will cover clearing gutters, and drains plus several other jobs around the church.

The Julian Prayer Group

Our Mother Julian Group meets at 11.15am -12.15pm. All are welcome to share in this time of stillness and silence together, with Mother Julian as our guide. We meet in the choir room at Holy Trinity on the last Tuesday of the month 28th November.

Contact: Rev. Gabrielle Ayerst 01289 302680

Lay Pastoral Chair:

Gwynneth Guthrie 01289 308580

Churchwardens:

Paul Marshall 01289 306564

David Mason 07860 360074.

Ann Mawer 01289 763096

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If there are any events or information you would like to see in future Monthly Messengers please contact: Phil info@berwickparishchurch.co.uk

Berwick Parish Church Monthly Messenger



November 2023

RECRUITMENT OF NEXT VICAR

Thank you to all who submitted questionnaire returns and attended the parish open meetings in October to learn about the questionnaire results and the outcome of the PCC's away day at Nunraw Abbey on 7th October. All of these inputs and thoughts will help inform the production of the Parish Brochure, which will be available to those interested in applying to be Vicar of Berwick, and will provide them with information about the needs of the parish and the qualities sought in the new vicar. Please pray for the PCC's representatives, David Mason and Ian Guthrie, as they seek to understand the needs and views of all in preparation for their participation in the interview panel which is planned for May 2024.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Please welcome our new Parish Administrator, Linda Foley. Linda lives in Berwick and has extensive experience in a variety of roles in the voluntary sector. She will normally be available each morning in the Parish Office (on the left as you enter the parish centre) although exact hours of work will vary depending on the needs.

You can contact her by email at parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk or by phone on 07810 611521.

Churchwardens

www.berwickparishchurch.co.uk

Sunday Services

8.30am: Holy Communion

10.00am: Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong or sung evening prayer

(with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month)

Every Thursday:

10:00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Tea, Cake and Chat

Sunday 19th November 2.30 - 4.00pm in Parish Centre. Please come and join us.
We offer tea, homemade cakes and an opportunity to relax and chat.
Bring a friend and, hopefully, make a new friend(s).

Contact: Ann Mawer 01289 763096

ALL SOULS REQUIEM MASS

On Sunday 5th November, the evening service will consist of a requiem mass for All Soul's Day, with the music of the requiem by Gabriel Fauré. This will be a special opportunity to hear this wonderful music as it was originally intended, as part of a service of worship.

Eco News

New Wildlife Home: A group from the organisation Children North East, have designed, built and donated a state of the art Bug House in the wild area beyond the Millenium Yews in the churchyard. Like CNE, who work to support children and families, the new home is to be admired.

Churchyard Seating and Parish Centre Cycle Rack Proposal: The Eco Group are working with the Oswin Project (a charity for training and employment for prisoners and ex-offenders) in the design of discreet churchyard log seating and an equally discreet log cycle rack for the cyclists using the Parish Centre. Suggested designs and locations will be published in November.

Solar Panel and Battery Storage Proposal: Information on the proposal for hidden solar panels can be found on notice boards in the Church, the Parade car park and in the Parish Centre. Information on battery storage will be available following the PCC meeting on 6th November.

Information on all PCC biodiversity and carbon neutral projects can be obtained by email: a.horne@hotmail.co.uk and suephillips701@gmail.com, or by talking to any of the twelve members of the Eco Group - there is bound to be one in a pew near you!

The Church is open daily and you are welcome to sit for a while for a time of prayer or reflection

Advent Sermons

As the season of Advent approaches and we await the celebration of the coming of the Christ child, we are planning a course of sermons at the 10.00 am Parish Eucharist over the season of Advent on the theme of *Waiting.....for the Coming of God in Jesus Christ.*

North Northumberland Spirituality Network

On Saturday, November 4th at 10.30 -2.30 at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Brother Joe, Society of St. Francis, talking on the Enneagram and Spirituality and his new venture establishing a new Franciscan house in Edinburgh.
Booking and further details: lyn.phillipsuk@googlemail.com

Many thanks to everyone who has supported us with our blister pack recycling scheme. The aluminium was reused, and the plastic turned into garden furniture, toys etc. Sadly, we are having to have to suspend the scheme for now. The situation has changed. The company that recycles, TerraCycle, no longer covers the cost of transport. Superdrug, through which we recycled, would have to pay for removal and transport, so they are not accepting blister packs. Thanks again for your support.

The Flower Guild

In order to maintain our regular flower arrangements in Church we really do need donations, large or small, from members of the congregation. They will be much appreciated. Thank you. C.Smith (Flower Guild Coordinator)

Sparklers – Remembrance Day

Children are welcomed at Holy Trinity in our monthly Sparklers' Group, children aged 3-10 learn about the Christian faith through stories, songs, games and lots of fun. The children come together in church at the beginning of the 10.00am Parish Eucharist service, then leave for activities in the Parish Centre. Parents are welcome to join the children for activities. This year we will meet in the Parish Centre at 10.00am and be finished by 10.50 in time to walk children to war memorial if desired.

When: 2nd Sunday of the month, 12th November.

Contact: Pamela Wright 07798 820051