

New service books

The service books introduced for the Christmas season will be replaced in the first part of February by the version for outside special seasons (“ordinary time”) and from 14th February (Ash Wednesday) by the version for use in Lent. If you have any comments on the new service books please let one of the churchwardens know or email them at churchwardens@berwickparishchurch.co.uk.

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.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 27th February 2024.

Contact: Rev. Gabrielle Ayerst 01289 302680

WaterAid

This Lent, we are collecting money to help communities with one of life’s most basic needs – clean safe water to drink, for toilets and hygiene.

Across the world, women are forced to waste precious time walking long distances to collect dirty water. Girls are dropping out of school because there are no private toilets, and young children are not surviving to see their fifth birthday because of preventable diseases.

Anyone wishing to collect ‘Jars of Change’, as in previous years, can bring jars to church on or after Easter Day. Otherwise, donations can be made via the charity box or by electronic donation.

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Berwick Parish Church Monthly Messenger



February 2024

The next vicar of Berwick

The process for finding the next vicar of Berwick moves to a new stage in February with a meeting of the PCC and Bishop Mark on 26th February. The Bishop will be joined by the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne, and they will discuss with the PCC the recently approved Parish Brochure and the needs and process for the recruitment and appointment of our next vicar. Please remember the PCC in your prayers and especially the two representatives nominated to take part in the recruitment panel, David Mason and Ian Guthrie.

Churchwardens

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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)

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

Administrator working hours

Experience has shown that the work of Linda Foley, our new administrator, is focused mainly on the latter part of the week. Her working hours have therefore been modified and she will work at home on Tuesday to deal with any email and phone messages and in the office Wednesday to Friday. The total hours remain the same, but the revised schedule is better adapted to the flow of work. As a reminder, Linda's email is parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk and her phone number is 07810 611521.

Eco Group

Signs of Spring in the Churchyard: While the resident pheasant appears to have eaten the aconite shoots, snow drops are appearing around the base of trees; small birds are stocking up at the feeding and watering station opposite the church door, and the saplings are doing well - especially in the northeast corner. Some trees have suffered wind damage but there is much to value and enjoy within the sacred space of the churchyard. A reminder that the Oswin Project intends to proceed with the churchyard log seats during the coming month and suggestions for their location would be welcome.

The Big Plastic Count: Advertised on line to take place again this year between 11th - 17th March. If you are interested in taking part information and registration details can be found at <https://thebigplasticcount.com>

Carbon Neutral Project: Welcome support from the diocese continues for the solar panel and battery storage project. The roof structure has been checked by a structural engineer for the relatively lightweight solar panels and the battery safety specifications have been scrutinised ahead of further checks by an independent fire safety inspector.

For further details of the church biodiversity and carbon neutral projects: a.horne@hotmail.co.uk and suephillips701@gmail.com

Visitors

We welcome two visitors to our morning service in February. On 18th February, Bishop Chris, former Bishop of Lincoln, who visits Berwick frequently, will be presiding and preaching at the parish eucharist, and the following Sunday, 25th February, we will welcome our own Bishop Mark, Bishop of Berwick.

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

Tea, Cake and Chat

Sunday 18th February 2.30 – 4.00pm in the 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

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)

Lent Course: Athletes For Christ

St Paul sees us all as Athletes for Christ, in training for the Kingdom. In the early church, the training of a Christian Athlete began on Ash Wednesday in preparation for their baptism and confirmation at the great Vigil of Easter. This year, the five lectures of our Lent Course take us through our own training as Athletes for Christ to deepen our faith.

The lectures will take place on Tuesday evenings during Lent, 7.30-9pm, in the Parish Centre. The first lecture will be on February 20th.

Details of the course and information about each lecture are in the Lent Course flyer which will soon be available at the back of the church.

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.

Sparklers

Children are welcomed at Holy Trinity in our monthly Sparklers' Group, children of all ages 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.

When: 2nd Sunday of the month, 11th February.

Contact: Diana MacNaughton