

## Tom's licensing service – 1st May

Tom will be licensed to his new appointment at St Mary's Church, Dalton-in-Furness in a service commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. If you would like to be present at this service there will be a list at the back of the church to sign up to offer or request lifts and will be available from 11<sup>th</sup> April – travel by train is possible as Dalton station is only a short distance from the church. If you are able to offer or need transport you can indicate this on the form and the churchwardens will do their best to ensure everyone who wants can attend. As the service is late and the drive from Dalton to Berwick will take at least 3 ½ hours, an overnight stay is recommended.

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### Tom's Leaving Party Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Centre 11.30am.

Tom's last service at Berwick before he leaves for his new appointment will be on 14<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to join the light lunch that day to thank Tom for all he has done please sign the sheet at the back of the church or phone 07810611521 and leave a message, if you want to join the party. We need numbers by Sunday evening April 7<sup>th</sup>. Also available at the back of church envelopes with a sticky label in. Please write any message or greeting, return it to the envelope with any donation you wish to make towards a gift for Tom. Please give it to a churchwarden or put it in the safe attached to the pillar at the back of church. Please return this too by April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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### Intercessors Rota

A new system for signing up to lead intercessions at the 10.00am Parish Eucharist will be introduced after the current cycle ends on 14<sup>th</sup> April. We wish to encourage more lay participation in leading intercessions and a training session will be held in the Parish Centre at 10.00am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, led by Father Tom. If you are interested in leading intercessions from time to time, please signify your interest by signing the form at the back of church or letting Linda, the parish administrator, know – email [parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk) or phone 07810 611521.

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Rev'd Tom Sample	01289 298521
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#### Churchwardens:

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David Mason	07860 360074.
Ann Mawer	01289 763096
Joyce Currie	07407 549543

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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](mailto:info@berwickparishchurch.co.uk)

## Berwick Parish Church Monthly Messenger



### New vicar of Berwick

The role of vicar of Berwick is now being advertised in the Church Times and through the church's channels. Short listing of candidates for interview will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and interviews are planned for 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please hold the selection panel and candidates in your prayers at this time – there are prayer cards on the table at the back of church. Please pray especially for the PCC's representatives on the selection panel, David Mason and Ian Guthrie.

A **prayer vigil** will be held in church on 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 3.00pm – if you are able please join us to pray while the selection panel is considering who to invite for interview, that they may be given wisdom, open hearts and wise judgement.

### Tom's last service – 14<sup>th</sup> April

As announced last month, Tom will be moving to the diocese of Carlisle to become Priest in Charge at Dalton-in-Furness and Ireleth with Askam. Tom's last service at Berwick before he leaves for his new appointment will be on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the back page for more details on how we can celebrate his time with us.

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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)
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## Eco Group

**Berwick Parish Church**, uniquely Cromwellian and....coming soon.....uniquely hidden solar panels and battery storage! Saving carbon emissions and money! Read about the carbon neutral aims of the church, watch our star studded video, and consider donating to the project *from 1<sup>st</sup> March*:

Aviva will DOUBLE all individual contributions up to £250 (to a total £50,000) for 6 weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> March.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Lent Walk for the Environment. Sunday 7th April will be the last date for the doubling of donations to the Church Carbon Neutral Project via <https://avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/church-carbon-neutral-project>

For more information on the project and the funding contact Ian Guthrie, Anne Horne, Flora Moxon, Joyce Guthrie or Sue Phillips.  
(Contact details available through the Parish Office.)

Our bees survived the winter and are now enjoying the spring flowers in the churchyard; the bee keeper hopes to have two colonies in the Church Bee House this year.

Children North East have contributed more bird boxes in the churchyard; please admire their work in a stroll around the churchyard. Planting of bulbs has continued to ensure churchyard appropriate flowers appear year on year.

Plants and Seedlings Surplus: Anyone lucky enough to have surplus plants this Spring are asked to keep them for a church plant sale - date to be advised.

Jazz Concert - the acclaimed Bosa Kada - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Parish Centre in support of the Church Biodiversity and Carbon Neutral Projects. Tickets £8 are available from Gabrielle Ayerst and Helen Mason.

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## The Julian Prayer Group

Our Mother Julian Group meets at 11.15am -12.15pm. All are welcome to share in this 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, 30<sup>th</sup> April.  
**Contact:** Rev. Gabrielle Ayerst 01289 302680

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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 21<sup>st</sup> April 2.30 – 4.00pm in the Parish Centre.  
Please come and join us for a cuppa, homemade cakes and a chat.  
Do come and join us and as a special Easter/Spring Treat Stephen Hewitt is going to entertain us on the piano  
**Contact:** Ann Mawer 01289 763096

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## Social Group

A date for your diaries.  
Saturday evening 11<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Centre.  
A Spanish Evening with Food and Wine. Special presenter and cook the Rev John Vilaseca. Ably assisted by our own Andrew Phillips.

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## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The annual meetings will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April after the 10.00am Parish Eucharist in the Parish Centre. The principal business will be the annual report and the election of churchwardens and PCC members for the forthcoming year. The agenda will be found on the notice-board and all the papers for the meeting can be downloaded from the website:

<https://berwickparishchurch.co.uk/aboutus/parochial-church-council/>

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## 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.

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## Junior Church

Children are welcomed at Holy Trinity in our monthly Junior Church (formerly Sparklers), 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**Contact:** Diana MacNaughton parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk