

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> April after Parish Eucharist. Roger Barrow, Joyce Currie, David Mason and Ann Mawer were elected as churchwardens. Thanks go to Paul Marshall as retiring churchwarden after many years' service.

Wilma Barrow and Ian Guthrie were elected to the PCC and Ted Cawthorn and Sue Phillips re-elected for a second term. Following the annual meeting, at a short PCC meeting, Heather Marshall, whose application arrived after the deadline, was also appointed to the PCC. Thanks go to Flora Moxon who retired from the PCC after serving two three year terms. As a result of these elections, the PCC now has its full complement of 12 elected members, in addition to the churchwardens and deanery synod representatives.

The full membership of the PCC is now as follows: Roger Barrow, Wilma Barrow, Charles Borthwick, Ted Cawthorn, Joyce Currie, Michael Gallico, Gwynneth Guthrie, Ian Guthrie, Joyce Guthrie, Heather Marshall, Paul Marshall, David Mason, Helen Mason, Ann Mawer, Philip Mawer, Sue Phillips, Harry Plater, Neil Thompson.

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### Organ Recital which takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm

Imogen Morgan is the Assistant Master of the Music at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh, a position she has held since August 2021. She is a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and was a finalist in the 2020 Northern Ireland International Organ Competition. Imogen released her first solo album, 'The Organ Works of Robin Milford', with Priory Records in 2023 to critical acclaim and has broadcasted as a soloist and accompanist live on BBC Radio 3 and recorded for Delphian Records. She is increasingly in demand as a solo recitalist; recent concerts include St Giles', Glasgow, and Wells Cathedrals, Leeds Town Hall, and St Paul's Cathedral as part of the Orgelbüchlein project.

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#### Churchwardens:

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Ann Mawer	01289 763096
Joyce Currie	07407 549543
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Lay Pastoral Chair	Gwynneth Guthrie 01289 308580
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## Berwick Parish Church Monthly Messenger



### New Vicar of Berwick

Applications for the new vicar of Berwick closed on 12<sup>th</sup> April and on 22<sup>nd</sup> April the short listing committee, chaired by Bishop Mark and attended by the Archdeacon, a representative of the Patron (the Dean and Chapter of Durham Cathedral) and the PCC's representatives, David Mason and Ian Guthrie, met to consider the applications.

The committee unanimously agreed that in view of the insufficiency of suitably qualified applicants that the post should be re-advertised and a new date of 4<sup>th</sup> September has been set for interviews

Please continue to pray for those charged with selecting our next priest and pastor and that through the Holy Spirit a strong and faithful shepherd will be raised up to lead us.

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### Charity of the Month - Christian Aid

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists. Christian Aid believes in life before death

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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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### Walk for the Environment

With donations via the Aviva Community Fund and donations given directly to the church, £6000 was raised during Lent. Huge thanks to all and congratulations to the walkers. The cost of the first stage of the carbon neutral project - the solar panels - is fully covered by fundraising, grants and PCC designated funds.

### Solar Panels

Installation is expected in May; scaffolding will be in place for a week; the Library Room cannot be used for the duration of the installation. The Library books are now in the vestibule by kind permission of the church members who donated the books.

### Churchyard Seating and Cycle Rack

The Oswin Project for ex-offenders has installed seating in the northeast corner of the churchyard and a cycle rack by the Parish Centre. The seats were blessed last week; photos are available on the website; we hope the seating enables more people to enjoy the churchyard.

### Plant Sale

The bring and buy plant sale will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am - 12.30pm on the Parish Centre terrace.

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### A Date for Your Diary

At 7.30p.m. on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, leading biblical scholar Prof. John Barton will be speaking in church about the King James Version of The Bible. This is our church's contribution to the programme of events to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Berwick's Old Bridge, the building of which was also ordered by King James VI and I. More details will follow nearer the time.

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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, 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**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

### Marygate House, Lindisfarne

Marygate House on Lindisfarne is seeking to raise £30,000 for urgent repairs to make this special place of retreat waterproof – for more information and to donate see <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Marygate-House> .

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### Tea, Cake and Chat

Tea, Cake and Company. May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre, 2.30-4.00pm.  
Just come and enjoy a cup of tea, homemade cake and a chance to chat.

### Spanish Food and Wine.

A Spanish Evening with Spanish food and wine. Authentic paella made by Rev. John Vilaseca. May 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30-9.30 in the Parish Centre.  
Tickets £15 (only 40) available from the Parish Administrator 07810611521, or Ann Mawer 01289 763096

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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.

Nearly all the ivy on the inside of the South Wall has been removed.

Have you noticed the refurbished Lanterns either side at the front of the church?  
They look as good as new!!

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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, 12<sup>th</sup> May.

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