

Holy Trinity School 300th Anniversary

The service on 21st May was a joyful celebration marking 300 years of the school's story.

The church was filled with worship, music, fun and laughter along with reflection as the congregation including parents, past staff, governors and members of the wider community learnt from the children about the history of the school. There were stories and artwork, the Bishop of Berwick brought a balloon and there was definitely a hint of Jaws and other seaside music coming from the organ.

A huge thank you to all who contributed in any way.

Another 'Memories Event'

Following the success of the February event there will be a second opportunity to share memories of Holy Trinity School and its history. This will be held at Holy Trinity School, between 10.00am and noon on Saturday 14th June. We hope ex-pupils and parents will come along to share memories from the 1980s through to the early 2000s. Volunteers are needed to help collect memories, serve refreshments and to welcome visitors. Please speak to Trudy or Joyce if you can help in any way.

There will be further opportunities to explore the history and life of the school over the coming months, especially around Berwick's Heritage events (12 -21st September) – watch out for further details.

Eco News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Community Gardening Day and Bring and Buy Plant Sale in May which raised over £1200, to be divided between Bees Abroad and Berwick Parish Church.

This year's 'Churches Count On Nature' will take place on Thursday 12th June after the 10am Service and coffee; if you are interested in the flora and fauna of the churchyard please join us. The results of previous surveys are available on the church website and show an increase in biodiversity year on year.

Holy Trinity and St Mary's has reached the A Rocha Eco Church standard for a Gold Award with the final stage or hurdle being a Review Visit on 26th June. Sincere thanks to everyone in the church and the wider community who has supported the Eco projects.

Regrettably, the Family Fun Day and Craft Fayre, in support of the Church and Solaraid scheduled for 5th July, has had to be cancelled. Plans for Eco Group fundraising for the Autumn are, however, proceeding well and details will be published at the end of the summer.



Monthly Messenger

June 2025

"June is busting out all over," so sings Nettie Fowler in Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel, as the fishing community prepares to leave winter and spring behind. According to the song, May made promises that couldn't be kept, and we might identify with that here in Berwick, especially as I write this on a grey May morning! But June is busting out all over, the "romping river" is bringing new life, "fresh and alive and gay and young, June is a love song, sweetly sung," particularly appropriate as June is also Pride month.

In Carousel that means that June is a particularly frisky month, and a respectable Vicar should probably stop there. But that sense of new life, of hope, even of friskiness is echoed in the Church year. This year June brings a whole host of reasons to celebrate. **Pentecost** (Whit Sunday in old money) is on 5th June, when we celebrate the Holy Spirit driving the first Christians out into the streets and breaking down the final barriers we humans like to put up. Then the week after that we celebrate **Trinity Sunday**, but because the parish church (your parish church) is dedicated to the **Holy Trinity** it means we can have a party (details later on in this edition)! And then at the end of June we celebrate **St Peter and St Paul**, the occasion when new deacons and priests are mostly ordained, new life for the Church. And if that wasn't enough, on Wednesday 10th June at 12.00 midday we will be celebrating the 375th Anniversary of the Coldstream Guards with a thanksgiving service.

To top it all we get to celebrate June in the happiest place to live in the UK! So, here's your invitation to sing the love song of June loud and proud. And an invitation to try something new in your parish church as we explore what life in all fulness and joy means, not just in June but always.

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

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Pastoral Care

If you are aware of any pastoral issues, such as those unwell or lonely, needing support, or a member of the congregation who has ceased to attend, please let the Lay Pastoral Group know, details listed below.

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Sunday Services

8.30am: Holy Communion
10.00am: Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm: Choral Evensong or sung evening prayer

Every Thursday:

10:00 am Holy (Book of Common Prayer)

Live streaming of services

Our regular Parish Eucharist is live streamed every week on our YouTube channel <https://youtube.com/@holyltrinityberwick/streams> .
The stream can either be watched live or as a recording later.
Our privacy policy on live streaming is on the notice board.

Parish Centre Booking

Bookings can be made via the website using the booking form
<https://berwickparishchurch.co.uk/parish-centre-booking-form/>
or by contacting Linda Foley 07810 611521.

Ann Mawer (07768 736008) and Joyce Guthrie (07704 222813) are now responsible for the Parish Centre.

Tea, Cake and Chat

Tea, cake and chat is on Sunday 15th June 2.30 until 4.00pm Parish Centre.
All welcome for tea, cake, company, warmth and chat. Do come and join us.

Weekday Welcomers

We have many visitors to our church, as you can see from the visitors' book. Many come because of its unique history, and appreciate a warm welcome. Others just want a quiet space in this lovely church. We have a group of welcomers who usually take a weekly session, morning or afternoon. This is very rewarding and often interesting when couples turn up from Australia to say their great grandfather was the organist and choirmaster here! We often have 3 or 4 visitors in a morning. If you would like to join the group, then please either contact Helen Mason at: welcomers@berwickparishchurch.co.uk, or sign the list at the back of the church. Please leave your email address on the list so that Helen can contact you.

Seasonal Supper and Musical Entertainment

Saturday 14th June, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. All welcome, Holy Trinity Parish Centre. Welcome drink on the terrace and then enjoy your own beverages.
Raffle for charity. Donation envelopes to cover costs on tables.
Sign up sheet at the back of the church or contact:

parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk 07810 611521

Music at Berwick Parish Church

The 18th of June is the Organ Recital at 7.00pm with Gordon Cree.
The concert includes music by Bach, Rousseau and Bédard.
There will be a retiring collection and interval refreshments.

Saturday 28th June at 11.30am: song recital with Sophie Henderson, Soprano and David Hardie on piano.
The recital will include music by Mozart, Strauss and Parry.