

Tea, Cake and Chat

Tea, cake and chat is on Sunday 19th October 2.30 until 4.00pm
In the Parish Centre, opposite the church.

All welcome for tea, cake, company, warmth and chat. Do come and join us.

Celebration of the Eco Group's Success and Harvest Thanksgiving.
Saturday October 4th 6.00pm starting in the church, followed by High Tea in
the Parish Centre. Put the date in your diary. More details to follow.

Berwick Parish Church Trust

Professor Ken Fincham is to give an opening talk in a series of events which, over the next two years, will mark the 375th anniversary of the building of the present parish church. The church is unique in that it is the only parish church in England to be built during Oliver Cromwell's first Commonwealth period. It is therefore of national importance and Grade 1 listed. Built between 1650 and 1652, much of the pale pink sandstone used in its construction came from the ruins of Berwick's mediaeval Castle.

Ken Fincham's talk – 'A New Church in Tumultuous Times: Berwick Parish Church and the Puritan Revolution of 1640-60' - will set the story of the building of the church in its historical context. Professor Fincham is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Kent. A former Vice-President of the Royal Historical Society, he has written extensively on religion and politics in Tudor and Stuart England. The talk will take place on Friday, 24th October at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre (beside the church). It will be illustrated and be followed by an opportunity for questions and then by refreshments. Entry is free, although donations to help cover costs will be appreciated.

Receiving notices by email

Father Lee sends out an email each week with details of services and notices – if you are not on the circulation list you can sign up by emailing Linda (parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk) and you will be put on the list.

You won't be pestered with lots of additional emails and you are always in control as you can remove your address from the list at any time by clicking on the "unsubscribe" link at the bottom of each email.



Monthly Messenger

October 2025

Well, the nights have well and truly drawn in, the temperature has cooled and autumn is clearly making itself known as we say farewell to September. Nature takes a distinct turn as leaves fall, dew laden spiderwebs decorate the morning crispness and the smoke from scattered chimneys cut the evening darkness. Creation has a sense of hibernation about it, the world around us feels sleepy, slower, and quieter.

The quietness gives us a chance to reflect. As creation falls silent so we can embrace the silence in our own lives. But we have an uneasy relationship with silence, don't we? We often see it as negative, the absence of something, often eerie, worrying and unsettling.

We are bombarded by noise in our busy, 24/7 world. God the Father invites us through Christ and the Holy Spirit to partake in the silence of eternity, to come aside from the world and to centre ourselves around the love and grace of God. At Holy Trinity we have the privilege of worshipping in a building that has enabled people through the centuries to encounter and embrace the silence of eternity. The church is open every day to enable anyone to come in and pray or look round, to enjoy the solitude and silence, to leave with a sense of calm and peace.

We firmly believe that Holy Trinity is there for all in our community, not just for those who come regularly to worship. We welcome you to experience for yourself the peace of the church and of course we welcome you to any of our services, especially as we celebrate Harvest, join in the Berwick Literary Festival and begin the celebrations of our 375th anniversary. Together we experience the peace and love of the God who we believe loves us and who has demonstrated his love through Christ. Why not take the time to visit the church this month either on your own or at one of our services? A warm welcome awaits you.

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Services during the week:

NEW: Choral Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer on the First Sunday evening of the month.

If you like a quiet, contemplative service with fine music and space to encounter God in word and sacrament then give this a try. You won't be disappointed.

Sunday

8.30am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.00am: Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm: First Sunday of the month - Sung Holy Communion (BCP)
Other Sundays - Choral Evensong or Sung Evening Prayer

Monday to Friday

8.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday:

10:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Monthly Services

Third Sunday of the month 2.30-4.00pm

Last Tuesday of the month-11.15am-12.15pm

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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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.

Organ Recital Concert with Tiffany Vong

The last recital in our Summer organ recital series is being given by Tiffany Vong, a young and highly accomplished organist and harpsichordist. Originally from Hong Kong, Tiffany was organ scholar at Glenalmond College (Perthshire), Oriel College (University of Oxford), and University of Glasgow. She then went on to complete a Master of Music at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She is currently the Director of Music at Jordanhill Parish Church and has already established a reputation as a recitalist, performing with, among others: Piccadilly Sinfonietta, London Concertante, and International Baroque Consort and giving recitals at the Caird Hall (Dundee), Paisley Abbey, Dunblane Cathedral, and University of St Andrews.

Live streaming of services

Our regular Parish Eucharist is live streamed every week on You Tube.

<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.

Heritage Open Days 2025

We welcomed approximately 370 visitors to the church and it was encouraging to hear so many positive comments. The numbers of visitors is also encouraging – especially given the wide variety of events over the weekend and the somewhat unpredictable weather!

The display of vestments was admired and visitors were interested both in the history and current life of the church. Several visitors came back to more than one of the tours and talks. Many people commented on the warmth of the welcome and helpfulness of the stewards. The coffee, tea and biscuits were also appreciated by those who dropped in to the School History exhibition in the Parish Centre (a number after their church tour/talk).

HODs weekend is an important event in the Berwick calendar and it is good that the church is able to make a significant contribution to the programme of events. It is one of the many ways in which we can strengthen our links with the local community, demonstrating an open and approachable door.

Thanks to all those that volunteered to help during the weekend.
Trudy Gray