

Music at Berwick Parish Church

At 2.00pm on Saturday 24th January, we are hosting a public masterclass given by the operatic soprano, Yvonne Barclay, featuring soprano Sarah Moore and tenor Cameron Robertson. This is the fourth event in the Berwick Music Society series. This is a rare opportunity to hear two accomplished singers being guided by a singer with international experience.

Following on from the masterclass, Sarah Moore is giving a coffee concert at 11.30am on Saturday 31st January. She has very graciously agreed to step in to replace the cello concert.

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.

Eco Group News

A walk with a coastal wildlife ranger along our nearest beach.

Space for Shorebirds, Northumberland Council's wildlife ranger service has arranged an event especially for our congregation, but numbers are limited.

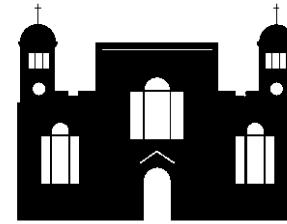
On Tuesday 20th January at 10.00am they will meet us at Little Beach car park for a gentle stroll along the beach to introduce us to the migratory birds that visit our shores at this time of year.

There will be time to stop and look out for birds, with telescopes and binoculars provided. Dogs are very welcome providing owners are happy to keep them by their side while watching the birds.

If you are interested, please see Sue Phillips or Anne Horne. Numbers are limited to about 12 people.

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.



BERWICK PARISH CHURCH

Monthly Messenger

January 2026

I am absolutely not doing dry January ... so don't ask me! It always strikes me as odd that in what feels the darkest and longest month of the year, we voluntarily make it more miserable. Not to mention the fact that it is still Christmas! I don't do New Year's resolutions, or new health fads or anything like that, because even though the calendar has changed nothing else has really.

In the Church year January is the Epiphany season, for some the continuation of Christmas, when we celebrate the light of Christ being made known to the whole world. The Feast of the Epiphany is when we mark the Wise Men arriving with their gifts and over the next few weeks, we think about how Christ is made known in other ways.

It is an ancient tradition in this season to mark our houses with blessed chalk as a sign of them being places where Christ might be made known. It's also traditional for priests to offer house blessings in the Epiphany season, which I'm more than happy to do, my contact details are below. Houses, extensions, new kitchens, gardens, allotments, businesses, all can benefit from a moment of marking how important they are to our lives and our community. Some people have a small blessing, others invite friends and family and have food and drink. However you might want to do it let me encourage you to think about it!

None of us know what 2026 holds for us, our community or the world, but we know that we don't go into it alone or without the light of Christ. So let me encourage you to find whatever brings you light this coming month and enjoy it!

With my love and prayers

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Services during the week:

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, Tea, Cake and Chat 2.30-4.00pm

Last Tuesday of the month, Julian Prayer Group 11.15am-12.15pm

All are welcome in this time of stillness and silence together, with Mother Julian as our guide. We meet in the choir room at Holy Trinity.

Live streaming of services

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

<https://youtube.com/@holytrinityberwick/streams>

The stream can either be watched live or as a recording later.

Our privacy policy on live streaming is on the notice board.

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Parish Centre Booking

The Centre is a perfect place to host small to medium sized events eg Family celebrations (not Children's parties), Birthdays, Lunches, Dinners, Coffee Mornings and Committee Meetings. Lots of different Organisations use the Centre for Committee Meetings. The Civic Society and Border Links use it. Exercise and Meditation groups use it. It is bright and welcoming with disabled friendly entrances and facilities. Very clean and well maintained to a high standard. All the products used are Eco friendly. An AV system is available for users at no extra charge. There is a very well equipped and well maintained user friendly kitchen. We can seat 65 people comfortably for a meal. The Hall furniture has recently been replaced to a high standard. A donations basket for the Event host would be acceptable. The patio can be used to extend the numbers...weather permitting of course. No smoking anywhere in the premises or the patio, the Cemetery or the Church. Free Parking in the Parade Car Park for three hours.

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Tea, Cake and Chat

Tea, cake and chat is on Sunday 18th January 2.30 until 4.00pm Parish Centre. All welcome for tea, cake, company, warmth and chat. Do come and join us.

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.

Charity for this Month

Feed the Minds

Education is the key to tackling poverty, improving health and building brighter futures. Through education and training people can transform their own lives and their communities.