

Music at Berwick Parish Church

Wednesday 15th April 7.00pm

Sean Maxwell – opens our 2026 Organ Recital Series. A native of West Virginia, USA, Maxwell has performed throughout Austria, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, Portugal, the UK and USA. He is currently organist of the Benedictine Monastery of São Bento da Vitória, Porto, Portugal. Interval drinks and canapés.

Wednesday 22nd April 7.00pm

Max Mostovetski the young pianist from Leipzig returns by popular demand. His short recital last year dazzled and beguiled the audience with its technical ability and musicality, showing off our late 19th century Blüthner beautifully. No spoilers, but on 17th March 1830, Liszt gave a recital at Schumann's house in Leipzig.....! Interval drinks and canapés.

Saturday 25th April 11.30am

Ray Howell and Veronica Gilbert accompanied by Rena Telfer

a Coffee Concert recital of well-loved songs.

Tea/Coffee and something to eat from 10.45am in the Parish Centre

Tea, Cake and Chat

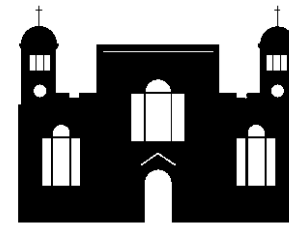
Sunday April 19th 2.30 – 4.00. Parish Centre.

Do come and join us to enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat. All welcome.

Weekday Welcoming

For a number of years volunteers from the congregation have welcomed visitors to Holy Trinity from late Spring to early Autumn. A glance at the visitors book shows that people come from near and far and for many reasons, including to find a place where they can just sit quietly. You don't need to be an expert on the church's history – more information is available. A friendly face and willingness to chat, or recognise when to leave people to sit quietly, are the qualities needed.

If you're interested but would like to know more come along for wine and nibbles on Tuesday 5th May at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. You can also contact Helen Mason (helenmason@fastmail.co.uk).



BERWICK PARISH CHURCH

Monthly Messenger

April 2026

Given the amount of rain January and February brought us I'm hoping that the traditional April showers might hold off this year.

But April showers us with things other than rain, and this year it brings the joy of Easter right at the beginning of the month. But Easter doesn't end when the last egg is eaten, it lasts this year right until the end of May.

We can see echoes of the new life that the resurrection brings all around us as spring slowly begins to emerge. Why not take a wander around the churchyard to see the new life and growth emerging and our new tree and plaque to commemorate last year's 300th anniversary of Holy Trinity school.

Alongside that many events and activities re-start, in particular our monthly organ recitals begin again in April featuring, local, national and international musicians. These are free, although donations are much appreciated and help us continue to hold accessible musical events for the whole community.

But more than that, the fifty days of Eastertide invite us to look at our own lives and see where we could do with new growth, things we might want to focus on, or deal with having put them off for years, or even hard things that we've avoided. The parish church is open every day for you to have a space to sit and think, to pray, or to reflect. And if you'd appreciate a chat as well my details are below.

With my love and prayers

Fr Lee Taylor

Vicar of Berwick

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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.

Holy Week and Easter Services 2026

Palm Sunday	8:30am 10:00am 6:00pm	Holy Communion The Liturgy of Palm Sunday Choral Evensong
Monday of Holy Week	6:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Eucharist Supper in Parish Centre Compline
Tuesday of Holy Week	6:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Eucharist Supper in Parish Centre Compline
Wednesday of Holy Week	6:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Eucharist Supper in Parish Centre Compline
Maundy Thursday	10:00am 7:30pm 9:00pm	No service (Chrism Mass at Cathedral) The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday (with reception of oils and washing of feet) The Watch
Good Friday	10:40am 12:00pm 2:00pm	Churches Together Walk of Witness Easter Garden event for children The Liturgy of Good Friday
Easter Day	5:30am 8:30am 10:00am 6:00pm	Easter Vigil (followed by bacon rolls and bubbles) Holy Communion (BCP) The Eucharist of Easter Day followed by Easter Egg hunt in churchyard Festal Choral Evensong

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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.

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.

Electoral Roll

If you live in the parish or regularly attend worship (or would do if not prevented by reasonable cause such as holiday or illness) then you can apply to be on the electoral roll of the church. Being on the electoral roll doesn't bring any extra responsibilities other than entitling you to vote at the election of PCC members, but it does help the church to build a picture of the extent of support, so if you are eligible you are encouraged to sign up. There are forms at the back of church and to be entitled to vote at this year's Annual Meeting on 26th April you need to complete the form no later than the end of March. More information is on the back of the forms. If you are already on the electoral roll there is no need to apply again this year.

Annual Church Meeting – 26th April

This will take place after the 10.00am service. We will be electing churchwardens, PCC members and our representatives on the Norham Deanery Synod: if you are interested in being a candidate for any of these vacancies, talk to Father Lee or one of the churchwardens. There will also be presentations of the accounts and reports for 2025 and we will be sharing the outcome of the recent discernment weekend looking at future plans. There will opportunity for questions and for you to share your own views. The agenda and papers for the meeting will be on the church website <https://berwickparishchurch.co.uk/annual-meeting-2026/> at least 2 weeks in advance.