

Music at Berwick Parish Church

The Berwick Music Society concert on Saturday, 21st March at 2.00pm. London based Latvian pianist, Ieva Dubova, will give a full recital.

Ieva Dubova is a classical and contemporary pianist from Latvia. She performs solo and chamber music. Her most recent achievements include second place in Courtney Kenny Awards with soprano Hope Lavelle, and first place with Michael Worboys in the John Halford Competition for piano and composition.

ECO News

The Big Plastic Count 9th – 15th March

How much plastic do we throw away?

The Big Plastic Count asks individuals to count individual items of plastic packaging that their household throws away over a week. The aim of the week is to demonstrate the scale of the use of 'individual use' plastic. The information gathered will be used as support for lobbying the government to reduce plastic production and to improve recycling systems.

For further information, and to register to take part, go to www.thebigplasticcount.com

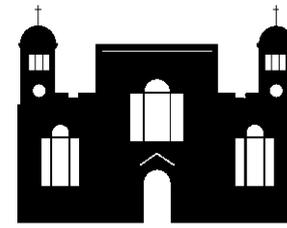
Also look out for The Great British Spring Clean (13th- 29th March)

The nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together. Look out for a litter pick in our local area or consider your own on one of our beautiful beaches. Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag at: keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-British-spring-clean

Charity for Lent

WaterAid

Because everyone deserves clean water. Across the world, women are forced to waste precious time walking long distances to collect dirty water. Girls are dropping out of school because there are no private toilets, and young children are not surviving to see their fifth birthday because of preventable diseases.



BERWICK PARISH CHURCH

Monthly Messenger

March 2026

March has finally arrived, and in a couple of weeks the sun will stay up beyond 7.00pm! Spring might not be marching in but it's hopefully creeping in.

This year, in the Church's cycle, March will be spent in Lent, a holy spring. The season of preparation before we celebrate the great feast of Easter. A lot of people think Lent is the church's equivalent to Dry January, but it's actually much wider than that. In fact, you don't really have to give up things in Lent, you can take things up. It is a season to see where the balance of our lives lie and to redress that balance if we need to. And there are moments of feasting within Lent: The Feast of St Joseph on the 19th March and the Feast of the Annunciation on 25th March when Gabriel announces to Mary she will have a child. We hear the stories of Joseph and Mary at Christmas but it's good to hear them again as new life starts to appear around us, and as we prepare for the new life that Jesus brings. In fact, the 25th March, Lady Day, used to be New Year's Day before they messed around with the calendars! And then of course Mothering Sunday on 15th March, make sure you book your lunches later on to leave time to come to church first, that's the original point of the day!

All of which gives us a taste of the great Feast itself, Easter, which we celebrate for 50 days. Holy Week begins in March and ends in April with Easter Day on 5th April. Details of all our services during Holy Week and Easter are all in here. You're warmly invited to celebrate the new season, the new life of spring, the new life we celebrate at Easter by coming to any of our services, where a warm welcome awaits you.

With my love and prayers

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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.

Tea, Cake and Chat

Sunday March 15th 2.30 – 4.00. Parish Centre.

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

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.