

Musical Events at Berwick Parish Church

Saturday 9th May, 11.00am

The Bridge Singers, Felton A choral Coffee Concert with a wide variety of styles.
Tea/Coffee and something to eat from 10.45am in the Parish Centre

Saturday 16th May, 2.00pm

Berwick Music Society, presents Ieva Dubova
London based Latvian pianist and composer

Wednesday 20th May, 7.00pm

Andrew Forbes – Director of Music, Glasgow Cathedral,
gives the second recital in our Summer Organ Recital series.
Appointed at the age of 21, at the time the youngest cathedral organist in the UK.
Interval drinks and canapés

Tea, Cake and Chat

Sunday May 17th 2.30 – 4.00. Parish Centre.
Do come and join us to enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat. All welcome.

Trinity Sunday

May 31st

Festive Brunch/ Lunch 12.00 Parish Centre.

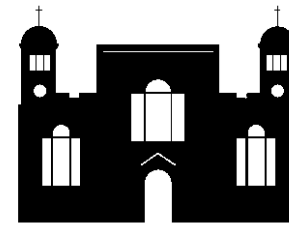
Sign up sheets in church from May 10th

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

May 2026

Do you remember the advertising campaign, “a dog is for life, not just for Christmas”? Well, the equivalent in the Church would be, “Easter lasts for fifty days not one!” That's right, in the Church year we continue celebrating Easter right through until Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May this year, and then through to Pentecost on the 24th May this year.

It's important because it reminds us that we often have to live and grow into the realities of life, especially new life. Easter is followed by Jesus' return to heaven on Ascension Day, closely followed by the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These are all times of celebration for the Church, Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church.

And if that is not enough, here in Berwick we celebrate the Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity and St Mary's on Trinity Sunday, this year on Sunday 31st May. We have Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, the Bishop of Newcastle leading and preaching at our 10.00am service and a celebratory brunch following, look out for further details.

All of which is to remind us that life is for celebrating! Especially as the birds start singing louder and more joyfully (even the seagulls), the sun gets a bit warmer and the days lengthen.

We'll be celebrating in the parish church, and you are always more than welcome to celebrate with us. But here's a challenge: how are you going to celebrate life this month?

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Vicar of Berwick

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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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Lay Pastoral Chair Gwynneth Guthrie 01289 308580
Parish Administrator Linda Foley 07810 611521

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.

Eco News

Berwick Parish Church is delighted to welcome our new Bee Keeper Alec. Sincere thanks have been given to Christina for establishing the church bee colony which is now being built up in Alec's expert care. The Bee House has been made more secure and, for safety during this Spring, swarm boxes have been positioned. Alec intends to build up the bee colony and to enlist the support of the Eco Group in the processing of the honey when combs are ready to be lifted. If you are interested please talk to any member of the Eco Group.

The Wildflower Meadow on the west side of the churchyard is beginning to show signs of life. The re-wilding of this area continues with the removal of enough thistles to allow re-seeding. Seedlings are appearing already so we are hopeful that this year's display will outdo last summer. Enough thistles were left to provide seeds for the charm of goldfinch which swoop in regularly.

Berwick Parish Churchyard has been included in Berwick Open Gardens this year on Saturday 28th June when volunteers will be on hand to give information on the work of the church in fulfilling its CofE mandate to 'use all church land to promote biodiversity'.