



# BERWICK

PARISH CHURCH TRUST

**Talk by Prof. William Whyte in the Parish Church  
at 7.00 p.m. on 30 October 2026  
(followed by light refreshments)**

As Holy Trinity & St Mary, Berwick Parish Church moves towards celebrating in 2027 the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of its present building for worship, we continue our series of autumn talks.



**- *an architectural introduction to Berwick Parish Church***

All churches are time machines: places that take their worshippers back to the origins of their faith and forwards to the end of time. They are places of memory and archaeological sites. But Berwick is an especially intriguing case study. Built in the aftermath of Civil War, it bears witness to the impact of successive generations, each of whom has reshaped it in their own image. This talk will explore those developments and help explain the remarkable building we now encounter.



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