

**Charity for this Month
Mary's Meals**

A simple solution to world hunger.
Give a child a free meal every day at school. It costs
just £19.15 to feed a child for a whole school year so they have the energy and
opportunity to learn, giving them the chance of a brighter future.

Tea, Cake and Chat

Sunday September 20th 2.30 - 4pm Holy Trinity Parish Centre
Do come and join us for a cuppa, homemade goodies and a chat.
Come and bring a friend too. All welcome.
Please note there is no Tea, Cake and Chat in August..

Roof Appeal Launch

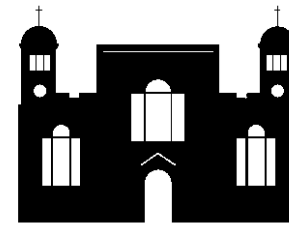
On July 19th we launched an appeal for donations to help fund the replacement of
the nave and organ chamber roofs, including the installation of insulation under
these roofs. The background to this is explained in a leaflet which you'll find at
the back of church or on the website: [https://berwickparishchurch.co.uk/roof-
appeal/](https://berwickparishchurch.co.uk/roof-appeal/). Please think prayerfully about how much you can donate to this
essential work – see 2 Corinthians 9.7.

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 News

With increasing concern about our waterways and a beautiful river flowing through
our town, there is an initiative to monitor river purity. The health of a river can be
ascertained by something as simple as riverfly larvae, mayflies and similar. Any
change in water purity can be detected by people with no scientific knowledge at
all, and the proper authorities alerted to signs of changes in water purity. It entails
a half day training course and 2 or 3 hours, 3 times a year working as part of a
small team on the Tweed. Anyone interested should speak to Sue Phillips or
Anne Horne. The training course will be on 15th September.



BERWICK
PARISH CHURCH

Monthly Messenger

August 2026

Dear friends,

I have a book on my overburdened shelves that uses the seasons as a guide to
living our lives. It's not a religious book, but seasonal living is a big theme of the
biblical literature, especially the writer of the book Ecclesiastes who reminds us that
there is a season for everything. What surprised me about this book is that it has
five seasons! The author separates summer and late summer.

At first, I thought this was just a ploy to pad the book out, but actually it does feel
right. As we enter August, we enter late summer, there is a definite shift in the feel
and mood. Late summer is characterised by fruitfulness and the beginning of
harvest. This year we are celebrating the ancient festival of Lammastide, the first
harvest, on Sunday 2nd August with a specially prepared and baked Lammastide loaf
from local growers.

On the 16th August we celebrate the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, giving
thanks for her life and fruitfulness, for the gift she gives us in bearing Jesus. A
reminder that sometimes we don't immediately see the results of what we have
committed to or given our time and energy to.

Late summer is a chance for all of us to pause and reflect on the fruitfulness of our
lives. Even if it's to just to take stock of this year (I know I haven't made enough of
being near the beach this year already) and think about what we can do differently
or be grateful for the things that are growing in our lives, or the times when life has
felt particularly fruitful.

It might be a chance to harvest some of what we've sown, taking the time with
friends and family, going to see that film or exhibition we've wanted to for ages,
reading one of the books on the dangerously tottering To Be Read pile, or enjoying
the garden or coast.

Both in church and out there is space to take that time. Holy Trinity and St Mary is
open every day to give you that space and opportunity, you can sit, wander, pray,
light a candle, however you want to use the space – it's there for you to take some
time to consider your fruitfulness.

Happy Fruity Late Summer!

Fr Lee Taylor
Vicar of Berwick
frlee@berwickparishchurch.co.uk
07786261792

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.

Contact Details:

Father Lee Taylor 01289 306136

Churchwardens:

David Mason 07860 360074.
Ann Mawer 01289 763096
Joyce Currie 07407 549543
Roger Barrow 07872 677457

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

Musical Events at Berwick Parish Church

3.00 pm, Saturday 1st August

Recital of songs and duets by Purcell, Lehar, Arne and more.

Veronica Gilbert, Soprano

Ray Howell, Bass/Baritone

11.30 am, Saturday 8th August

Tribe, the well-known and well-loved female a cappella vocal group comes to give a Coffee Concert. Known for their sophisticated arrangements of folk music, this promises to be a toe-tapping and highly entertaining event.

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

7.00pm, Wednesday 19th August

Angela Sones – is a freelance organ recitalist based in Lichfield. She has given recitals in many of the major British cathedrals and will be giving recitals this year in Lichfield, Truro, St Albans and St. Mary's Warwick....and Berwick.

11.30am, Saturday 29th August

George Brady is a young French horn player who is really going places. He was a pupil of St Mary's Music School in Edinburgh and the Royal Academy of Music in London changed their age policy to have him as a seventeen year old scholar. He is in the televised finals of the BBC Young Musician competition, which will be recorded over the summer. He is already an experienced performer, recently stepping in at the last minute to play Mozart's Fourth Horn Concerto. He will be accompanied by Kit Hobkirk, Director of Music at Berwick Parish Church, also a former pupil of St Mary's Music School.

To include Mozart's iconic Rondo from the 4th horn concerto, arguably the most famous horn melody ever written.

Retiring donations.

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

Baptisms, Marriages and Burials: Looking at Church Registers

A project looking at some of the church registers is planned for the coming months. This is a joint project with Berwick Archives and involves producing transcripts of marriage registers for both Holy Trinity and St Marys. While many Parish records are held in the Berwick Record Office and can be searched locally, others are currently only available at Woodhorn.

The work will provide a useful resource for anyone wanting to explore their family history locally. Training will be provided and it is a good opportunity to learn more about the archives and the fascinating information that can be discovered.

If you are interested please speak to Trudy – and look out for further details.