

**Charity for this Month
Mission to Seafarers**

In the current geopolitical situation, we've become more aware of our reliance on shipping, especially of oil from the middle east.

Over 90% of the world's goods and fuel are transported by sea and recent events to stop this have affected every one of us.

Men and women trapped in the conflict zone watch drones and missiles flying at low altitudes and hear fighter jets pass close to their vessels. Stranded crews report critical shortages of basic necessities, with some forced to boil seawater for drinking and ration food to a single daily meal.

The Mission to Seafarers works in over 200 ports around the world, offering practical and moral support to the people we rely on.

Tea, Cake and Chat

Sunday July 19th 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. Next date September 20th.

Quiz, Fish and Chips and Raffle

July 18th 6.15 for 6.30. Holy Trinity Parish Centre Just bring a drink, some cash for donations to cover costs and for the raffle. All proceeds after expenses to charity. Sign up sheets in church or contact:

parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk 07810611521

Eco News

A plea this month to leave a shallow dish of fresh water out if you can. Birds and insects will be very grateful.

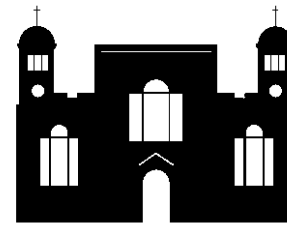
Whilst we've sweltered in the heat, our neighbours have suffered. Since 1947, France has recorded 51 heatwaves, 34 of them have been since 2000, and 26 since 2011.

But every cloud.... Good job the solar panels on the church roof are helping to lower our carbon footprint, producing electricity at maximum output.

The churchyard bees are especially active. Look out for jars of holy honey from blessed bees arriving soon. To help them, the wildflower meadow is in full bloom in the northwest corner of the churchyard.

If you're planning a barbeque or just thinking of a glass of refreshing mint tea, don't forget the herb garden just by the church door. It's free to help yourself.

Stay cool.



BERWICK PARISH CHURCH

Monthly Messenger

July 2026

Dear friends,

Apparently it's summer ...if you have friends or family in the south, you will no doubt have had to listen to them moaning about how hot it is, while you look out your window at rain, clouds or the haar! Summer comes with many expectations from the weather to the perfect holiday, and this year add in World Cup and Wimbledon hopes.

In the Church year summer falls in what is called Ordinary Time, in other words a long season where there are no major feasts or festivals. No expectations perhaps. But summer is the season of full on growth, creation bursts into life despite weather, goals or match points. It is a reminder to us that the ordinariness of life is most often the productive part of life.

With no major feasts we focus a bit more on the Saints. Although we might look to them as examples of how to follow Jesus, they are in fact just ordinary people who let God shine through them perhaps a bit more than others.

So, whatever your July and summer hold, ordinary or extraordinary, I pray it's a time where we can all revel in our ordinariness and see what God can do with it!

With my love and prayers,

Fr Lee Taylor

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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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Musical Events at Berwick Parish Church

11.30 am, Saturday 4th July

Top local string players, trumpeters and keyboard players give a Coffee Concert of vibrant and energetic Baroque music, being joined by Soprano, Kuniko Toda for Bach's breathless cantata BWV 51, Jauchzet Gott.

Retiring donations

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

11.30 am, Saturday 11th July

Pianist Jill Crossland has performed extensively throughout Europe and the UK, including at the Wigmore Hall and Southbank in London. She is a recording artist and has appeared on radio and TV. She has performed a complete cycle of Bach's 48 Preludes and Fugues and her nine albums include Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, Mozart and Beethoven.

7.00pm, Wednesday 15th July

Steve Luck, North East based composer of more than 100 film scores, two time Royal Television Society award winner plays his atmospheric piano music. His music has been streamed over 4 million times. <http://www.steveluck.com/>

Interval drinks and canapés

7.00pm, Wednesday 22nd July

Leander van den Bos – the organist of the Gasthuiskerk, Zierikzee, Netherlands gives our fourth recital in the Summer series. He specialises in improvisation and will play a piece based on a theme suggested by the audience.

Interval drinks and canapés.

11.30am, Saturday 25th July

Alexandra Standing and Duncan Honeybourne present a piano duo Coffee Concert. Alexandra returns, bringing renowned pianist, Duncan Honeybourne for what promises to be a thrilling recital of piano duets and solos, including Tempus Plangendi by local celebrity composer, John Casken.

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

Receiving notices by email

Father Lee sends out an email each week with details of services and notices – if you are not on the circulation list you can sign up by emailing Linda (parishadmin@berwickparishchurch.co.uk) and you will be put on the list.

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