Tea, Cake and Chat

Sunday November 15th 2.30 – 4.00pm 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.

Advent Supper
Saturday November 28th in the ParishCentre.

Please put the date in your diaries and further details and sign up sheets will be available nearer the time.

Eco News

Why Should Christians Be Involved in Ecological Issues?

The ECO group is beginning a new chapter as Geoff and Anne take over coordination from Sue, so perhaps we should return to basics and ask why we, as Christians, should engage with ECO issues.

So let us start at the very beginning. Caring for the environment is an essential expression of our faith in God as Creator. In Genesis 1:28, God entrusts humanity with responsibility for the earth, while Genesis 2:15 describes humanity's task as working and caring for the garden. These passages suggest that human beings are not merely owners of the earth, but stewards entrusted with protecting God's creation. The natural world has intrinsic value because it belongs to God, as Psalm 24:1 declares: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Furthermore, Jesus' command to love our neighbours (Mark 12:31) has ecological implications. Climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss disproportionately affect the poorest and most vulnerable communities, both today and for future generations. Christians therefore have a moral responsibility to challenge environmental destruction and to promote justice, sustainability and responsible consumption. The New Testament also presents all creation as sharing in God's purposes of redemption (Romans 8:19–22), suggesting that salvation concerns not only humanity but also the renewal of the created order. Ecological action is consequently not a distraction from Christian mission but an important part of it. Through practical conservation, sustainable living, public advocacy, and support for environmental policies, Christians can show their gratitude to God, their love for their neighbours, and their hope for creation's renewal.

2027 looks set to be a busy year for the ECO group, with our participation in the 375 celebrations through the Bounties of the Earth festival. This will celebrate all that God gives us through his everlasting and generous love and help us understand that not everyone benefits from it.

If any members of the congregation would like to learn more about the ECO group, please ask Geoff Short or Anne Horne.

Geoff Short

BERWICK PARISH CHURCH

Monthly Messenger November 2026

Dear friends,

Remember, remember … November often feels like a month where we look back. Beginning with the Church feasts of All Saints and All Souls where we remember and give thanks for all the faithful (and the less faithful) who have gone before us, continuing through Bonfire Night into Remembrance Day, committing ourselves again to the act of remembering the sacrifices of those down the ages who have fought for their country.

Remembering is a sacred duty. But we have to be careful to distinguish remembrance from nostalgia. Nostalgia looks back with rose tinted glasses to halcyon days where everything was better. Remembrance is about holding in tension the good and the bad of our histories, personal, communal and global.

This year in November we will end the old Church year with the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 22nd being reminded that all of history is held in God's hands, with Christ reigning over all time. And we will begin the new Church year with Advent Sunday on the 29th remembering right back to the beginning of the story of God's promises as we wait for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

One of the most beautiful services of the year is held on Advent Sunday, A Service of Advent Carols at 6:00pm. If you've never been before let me encourage you to come.

All of us will have different things to remember, some easy, some hard, some we like to call to mind, others we like to bury and forget. The promise of the Gospel is that we are never forgotten by God, and in the remembering of the story of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ we are given a new future, that we can shape with God. If there's only one thing you remember, that's worth it.

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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
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday:

10:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Monthly Services

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

Sunday 1st November 6.00pm Fauré Requiem

Come and sing – those wishing to join the choir, come at 4.00pm for the rehearsal. The celebrated requiem mass will be performed liturgically as part of an All Soul's Day Eucharist.

Wednesday 18th November 7.00pm

Tenor, Matthew McKinney and pianist, Roelof Temmingh give a song recital that will include repertoire from their debut album.
"The outstanding young tenor, Matthew Mckinney" (Observer review of his recent concert in the Sistine Chapel, Rome), was the 2024 Kathleen Ferrier Award winner, makes his Glyndebourne debut this season, which will be followed by his English National Opera debut in the spring. He recently gave the world premiere of Sir James MacMillan's 'Angels Unawares' accompanied by the Sixteen and the Britten Sinfonia in the Sistine Chapel, Rome, broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and made his debut at Carnegie Hall, New York.
This is a unique opportunity to hear a world class artist on our doorstep.
Retiring donations. Interval drinks and canapés

Saturday21st November 7.00pm

Folk musicians John Reed, Shirley Barr, Beth Porter and Rachel Taylor-Beales form the Untangled Knot. Their performance will be the basis of a new album and will include material that will come out of workshops earlier on in the day

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Charity for this Month

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion, formerly the British Legion, is a British charity providing financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants, as well as representing them publicly.

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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