

Tea, Cake and Chat

Sunday October 18th 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.

Eco News – Riverflies!

This Autumn, Berwick Parish Church members joined others from the local community in a training day to monitor the health of local rivers. The Riverfly Monitoring Initiative is a nationwide partnership project between community groups and environmental agencies, active between April and October; the newly formed local group is led by Mike Wilson. If you enjoy the wonders of the Tweed, the Till, the Whiteadder and other Berwickshire watersides, and are interested in the invertebrates that are vital to river well-being, more information is available from:

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Holy Trinity Quay Side Sale

The Eco Group are running a Church Craft, Honey and Plant Sale at the Quay Side from 10.00am on Saturday 24th October. The crafts are stunning, the honey and honeycombs delicious, the plants will be beautiful, and your support invaluable. Donations of plants can be brought to the Quay Side from 9.00am on 24th or left inside the church gates on Friday 23rd.

More information is available from:

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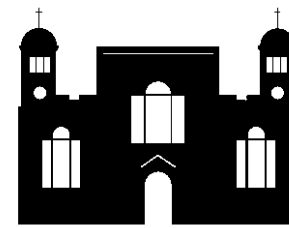
The Time Machine

An architectural introduction to Berwick Parish Church.

Talk followed by light refreshments in Berwick Parish Church on Oct 30th at 7pm. Professor William Whyte of Oxford University will speak on how Berwick Parish Church, built in the aftermath of the Civil War, has been reshaped by successive generations in their own image.

It helps explain the wonderful building which we have now.

An opportunity to learn more about our church in the lead up to celebrating the 375th Anniversary of its opening next year.



BERWICK

PARISH CHURCH

Monthly Messenger

October 2026

Dear friends,

Just the other day we entered Autumn as we passed the Autumnal Equinox. We mark the season in different ways in modern life.

In Berwick it must be Autumn because the Literary Festival is upon us.

I love the Literary Festival and am very excited to be interviewing one of my favourite poets and authors. Stories shape us, whether they are fiction or stories from our history or the world around us, and getting to meet and speak to the authors is a great way to get into their thinking and expand how we engage and appreciate their work.

That's partly what we do in church. We might not think that God wrote or dictated every story in the Bible, but we believe that those who wrote them had a sense of being inspired by God. And so, in our prayer and worship, in our reading and thinking about the texts together we believe that we meet the author and expand how we engage and appreciate the biblical story.

As the nights draw in it's the perfect time for storytelling and story reading. And reflecting on our own story. We can do that in the space created and offered in Berwick Parish church, either in a service or in the space of the open church.

So, welcome to Autumn, are you sitting comfortably? Then we'll begin ...

With my love and prayers

Fr Lee Taylor

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

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

Saturday 24th October 11.30am

Eric Thomas is an Edinburgh based lutenist who plays with leading ensembles including the Dunedin Consort, New Trinity Baroque, RSNO and Dame Emma Kirkby. He has studied at the University of Glasgow, the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, the Conservatorium van Amsterdam and Urbino, Italy.

Retiring donations

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

Charity for this Month

Sightsavers

There are 39 million blind people in the world, but 80 per cent of blindness could be prevented or cured.

Sightsavers aims to eliminate avoidable blindness and support people who are irreversibly blind or disabled to live independently.

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.

You won't be pestered with lots of additional emails and you are always in control as you can remove your address from the list at any time by clicking on the "unsubscribe" link at the bottom of each email.

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.