

## Letter from the Vicar

It is strange for me to think that, in only a few months' time, I will have been your Vicar for two years. On one level that causes me to think how the time has flown and through that how much we have accomplished in that time: Messy Church, a renewed focus on worship and prayer, candidates for confirmation, increased links with Henshaw School, a greater visibility in the life of the community. The list could go on. And as I think about all these wonderful things I am minded to do two things.

The first is to be thankful. This is not something that we always do in Church. Our prayers are so often focused on what we have failed to do, what is going wrong in the world, what more we could be doing, that we fail to stop and take stock and be thankful. This should not be hard as at the heart of our worship is the Eucharist which derives its name from the Greek work for thanksgiving. At the heart of our worship and at the heart of our life should be thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for each other, for the gifts we receive and most of all for God's grace in bringing all this to fruit in due season.

The second is to look forward with this spirit of thanksgiving to what God has in store for us in the future. Very early in my time here we met and agreed a series of 'Mission Priorities'. Those things I have outlined above are the fruit of those priorities of *Worship, Communication* and working with *Families and Young People*. The next step in this process is for us to direct this energy and purpose into a 'Mission Action Plan' or MAP. This is a tool that the Diocese encourages Parishes to engage with to focus their work over a given period – say three years – to allow targets and ambitions to be set and then worked towards. Over the summer I will be working with others to draft our MAP and in September there will be another open meeting to discuss what we have planned and to move forward again in thanksgiving.

In the next Parish Magazine I will write a little more about how this will work but for now it only remains for me to wish you a long, warm, and restful summer.

**Benjamin**

## CHURCH NEWS

**MU – Wednesday 27 July** - Reverend T Quenet, Methodist Minister, Haltwhistle.

### **Saturday 2 July - Beltingham Open Gardens - from 2 pm**

Have tea amongst the peacocks at High Crook Farm and High Crook Cottage; wander down to the Old Vicarage and Wilson's garden opposite. Parking in corner field. Plant stall. Entry £3, children free.

**PCC – on Thursday 14 July** at 7.30 pm Henshaw Church Room.

### **Coffee Morning in Aid of Our Churches**

**On Saturday 30 July from 9.30 am at Haltwhistle Methodist Hall.** Help is needed to set up on the Friday and run the stalls and kitchen on the Saturday. We need books, bric-a-brac, baking and other produce, raffle and tombola prizes. Offers of help and contributions please to Libby Scott on 344582 or any member of the PCC.

## NOTES AND NOTICES

### **South Tyne Sustainability – 'On the Verge'**

**On Saturday 2 July** visit to **Hexham** to see Transition Tynedale's projects followed by **Ovingham's** Community Supported Agriculture Initiative with picnic and tour of their veggie field. Finger food contribution to the picnic please. Meet Sainsbury's car park Haltwhistle at 10 am.

**Tuesday 12 July at 7 pm** second verge walk – **Thorngrifton Common** – meet at road/lane junction at west end of Haresby Lonnen. A chance to see and survey this amazing collection of wild flowers.

**Wednesday 20 July at 7.30 pm, 'The Value of Verges'** at the Community Centre, Gilesgate, Hexham - public meeting with road verge managers and project officers from conservation organisations. A series of short presentations followed by Q&A with panel. All welcome.

**Saturday 30 July** – visit to award-winning **Battlesteads Hotel in Wark** where Kate Norris will tell us about growing for the restaurant, followed by a look at an allotment in the village and with time for a cup of tea. Refreshments provided. Meet Sainsbury's car park at Haltwhistle at 1.15 pm.

### **Wool on the Wall**

**Greenhead on Sunday 10 July** from 10 until 4 pm – free entry. A celebration of our local wool harvest; products to buy, demonstrations, 'live' exhibits!

### **WI – Wednesday 13 July - 7 pm Village Hall**

Harold Bowron 'Life on the Line'; hostesses: Margaret Holmes and Jennifer Johnson; competition: a railway item; stall: bring and buy. Visitors so please bring a contribution to supper.

**Tuesday 26 July - 'Film and Food Night' from 7 pm at the General Havelock, Haydon Bridge**

Meal followed by the film 'Waitress' (rom-com about a pie shop). Booking necessary - £8 for meal and film – contact Joanna on 684376 for details.

**Pensioners Lunch and Natter at the Bowes - Next One is 21 July**

At 12.30 pm every third Thursday in the month – no booking require.

		<b>ROTAS</b>		
<b>JULY</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>WARDEN</b>	<b>SIDESMAN</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>
3 July	Beltingham	Green	Weir/ Collingwood	Scott/ Wilkinson
10 July	Henshaw	Adams	Scott/ McKenna	Weir/Slater
17 July	Henshaw	Storrie	Hewitt/ Palmer	“
24 July	Beltingham	Galbraith	Rowlands/ Walker	Furlong/ Thompson
31 July	Beltingham	Storey	Slater/ Galbraith	“
7 August	Beltingham	Green	Weir/Scott	“

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	<b>SERVICES</b>	
<b>JULY</b>	<b>BELTINGHAM/ HENSHAW</b>	<b>HAYDON BRIDGE</b>
<b>3 July Thomas the Apostle</b>	<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist (BCP) – Beltingham</b>	<b>11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church</b>
<b>10 July Trinity 7</b>	<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church – Henshaw</b>	<b>11 am Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>3 pm Deanery Songs of Praise &amp; BBQ Bardon Mill Village Hall</b>	
<b>17 July Trinity 8</b>	<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist – Henshaw</b>	<b>11 am Parish Eucharist (BCP)</b>
<b>24 July Trinity 9</b>	<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist – Beltingham</b>	<b>11 am Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>31 July Trinity 10</b>	<b>10 am Joint Eucharist - Beltingham</b>	
	<b>5 pm Evening Worship – Haydon Old Church</b>	
<b>7 August Trinity 11</b>	<b>9.30 am Parish Eucharist (BCP) – Beltingham</b>	<b>11 am Parish Eucharist (BCP)</b>
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