

July 2024 ----- **BENEFICE NEWS** ----- July 2024

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Date	Sunday	Bewcastle	Stapleton	Hethersgill	Kirklington
7th July	Trinity 6			10 am MP	
14th July	Trinity 7		10 am HC		
21st July	Trinity 8				10 am Holy Baptism
28th July	Trinity 9	10 am MP			
4th August	Trinity 10			10 am HC	

HC = Holy Communion, MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

Knowe United Reformed Church, Bewcastle

2.15 pm

Prayer for the Month

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory be to you for ever. Amen.

Church Notices

From the Registers:

Baptism:

Jacob Robert Tuffin of Becksides Gardens, Brampton at St Cuthbert, Kirklington Sunday 26th May

Thursday 4th July 7.30 pm Admission of Church Wardens at Lanercost Priory. Please do come and support your church wardens as they are sworn in for another year of service

Friday 19th July 1.30 pm Shankhill School Leavers' Service at St Mary, Stapleton. Everyone welcome

Monday 22nd July 7 pm Kirklington and Hethersgill PCC Meeting at Westwind, Smithfield

Monday 29th July 7 pm Stapleton PCC Meeting at Soutermoor

Church Organist. Are you a pianist, keyboard player, or an organist of Grade 5 equivalent or above? Would you be willing to play at church services on an occasional basis? We have an opening for someone to play hymns for us on a voluntary basis, once a month at Sunday services, mainly at Stapleton church, although possibly at others as well. Perfection is NOT required, just a willing heart and a sense of humour. For an informal chat, please give me (Rob) a call on 016977 48438.

If anyone would like to receive communion at home because they find it difficult to attend a church service, or knows of anyone in this situation, please do get in touch with me and I will arrange a date to come round. Similarly, if you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit from their parish priest for whatever reason, do please let me know.

“Come and see what I am up to “. So said a dis- embodied voice from an open window of the bungalow that Felicity Anne and I happened to be passing as we walked the dogs. We did as we were invited. Once inside, even I could see that despite the enormity of the task our friend was undertaking, it was the work of a craftsman. Everything neatly set out and beginning to take shape. It was a joy to behold. The same farmer has a reputation for running his farm with equally meticulous expertise. What was true of him is true of so many of our local farmers.

It has been my privilege to speak at the funeral of many of them at their funerals. All friends. Despite farming on Less Favoured Land they were masters of their craft. They knew and cared for each of their beasts as if it had been one of their own children. They knew how to work the land. How to lay and to trim their hedges. How to ensure that their gates were properly hung. Even within tight budgets, their buildings were still in good repair. Our local farming community must be one of the best in the world.

But gifts come in all sorts of shapes and sizes . Round here hospitality and homemaking are at their best and to visit is to be offered not just a welcome but a feast. Just think of the goodies that are produced at every Harvest Supper, Show or Charity event.

And then there are those people whose gifts of expertise, love and care take the form of helping to run our Parish Council or being members of organisations like Cancer Research or a First Responder. Our benefice Newsletter reminds us of their endless generosity and skill. Even within a small community like ours, people are here with and for one another

So it is that In this letter I want to say to so many of you (who ever since we arrived as Off Comers 21 years ago) have surrounded us with your friendship and kindness Thank You. Throughout my 60 years of ministry we have always been lucky enough to have been on the receiving end of other people’s love and care, but never more than here. We are deeply and hugely grateful.

But I want to say two other things.

First. So much of that kindness, care and expertise happen spontaneously. There’s never any sense of it being contrived as if to earn an MBE or public recognition. It just happens - whether the skill of a farmer or home maker, the wisdom and concern of a volunteer, a kindly word or the sharing of a smile. Just a spontaneous sharing of so many of those God given gifts we have all been given (however seemingly small). Everyone has something to give and you do so in good measure.

Last. Be sure always to try to affirm and say thank you to those around you, wherever you see excellence in action. Many many years ago now I remember saying to a particularly difficult teenager who had had a rotten childhood and who seemed always to take a delight in rubbing up everyone around him the wrong way, but had on this one occasion done something particularly thoughtful and kind “Well done and thank you. I really admire you for what you did “. He stopped what he was doing and replied, “Thank you for saying that. You know, nobody has ever said anything like that to me before“. It cost me nothing to say. But what I had said had meant just everything.

When it comes to being practical I fail. Binder twine is my solution to most problems! Indeed I have even suggested that when my time comes, the family tie a piece of orange binder twine on one of the handles of my coffin!

But I hope I shall be remembered as someone who genuinely tried to affirm to love and to care for all those around with the kind of Love and care that I believe God has for me. And that is a way of life that can go for any of us, at any time and in any way.

Bishop John

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Friday 5th July 3 pm Fir Ends School Summer Fayre Free entry, stalls, tombola, face painting, refreshments, BQ. Everyone welcome

Saturday 6th July & Sunday 7th July 11 am – 4 pm Bewcastle Hub on the Farm at Byers Farm (CA6 6PT) by kind permission of the Main Family Scarecrow competition, farm walks, refreshments, crafts and local produce. Free entry

Saturday 6th July 7.30 pm Stapleton Public Hall Dance with Ian Anderson . Details Mary Thompson 016977 48378

Tuesday 9th July 12 noon. Bewcastle School Community Lunch £5 Adult, £2.90 child. To book call 016977 48662 no later than 1st July

Tuesday 9th July Kirklington & District WI Talk by the Deaf Association

Wednesday 10th July Stapleton WI

Saturday 13th July 2 pm Shankhill School is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, and would like to invite members of their past, present and future local community to join in a celebration event. There will be entertainment, food and games for all ages and they would love to see everyone celebrating with them

Tuesday 16th July 7.30 pm Hethersgill Parish Council have arranged for a member of Carlisle Police CID to come and give a talk and advice on scams and frauds at the next meeting. Everyone is invited to come and listen, learn and hopefully arm themselves against these crimes.

Sunday 21st July 10.30 am – 2 pm Bewcastle Sunday Hub at Roadhead Hall Free entry and hot drinks. Bacon rolls and cakes for sale, craft stalls

Sunday 21st July 11 am Bewcastle Heritage Society Crofton Hall: Its Park and History. An easy day out with Michael Cowan. Refreshments afterwards option. Bring a picnic. Meet at Roadhead Hall

Claiming Dates

Saturday 3rd August Stapleton Public Hall Dance with Brian Griffin

Sunday 25th August Action Ant at Hethersgill Hall (time to be confirmed). Spaces are limited to 30 so first come first serve basis. Please lookout for updates on Facebook. For questions and booking ring Katie Graham 07894733910

Saturday 7th September Stapleton Flower & Produce Show at Stapleton Public Hall. Open to everyone in the four parishes. Classes for Flowers, Vegetables and Home Baking. Classes for the children who attend Shankhill School. Schedules are available in all the churches, village halls or direct from Catherine Lawson Sponsorship is welcome, for further details contact Carol Baxter on 01228 577294, or 07926758332 or Catherine on 01697748322, or 07746286311.

Saturday 26th October Hethersgill Social Committee Halloween Party at Hethersgill Village Hall (details to follow)

Line Dancing Classes: Every Monday 7.30 - 9 pm at Stapleton Public Hall. Ann Robb 07855 91936. Anyone who can't attend please let Ann Robb know. Thanks

Stapleton Knit and Natter Group has ceased for the Summer months and will restart at the beginning of September.

Yoga: Every Thursday 6 pm in Hethersgill Parish Hall

July 2024-----NEWS AND THANKS July 2024

Stapleton Church PCC would like to thank everyone most sincerely everyone who came to the Pudding Night on Friday . We were quite overwhelmed by everyone's generosity in contributing food and buying from the sale tables. The evening was a resounding success, with just over £1,200.00 raised for the care and ongoing repair of St.Mary's. Thank you so, so much all of you, and all who helped in any way, too many to mention but we couldn't have done it without you.

Hethersgill Village Hall All enquiries/bookings please contact Elsie Elliott 01228 675336 or Christine Falder 07790 302016

Hethersgill Church: A big thankyou to everyone who helps keep Hethersgill church & church yard so lovely. If you have any spare time to help in anyway ie grass cutting/stripping/cleaning please contact Irene 01228 675 389 or Madge 01228 675568. Thankyou

Hethersgill Parish Hall 100 Club Winners: June 1st Gareth Edwards (27) **2nd** Linda little (64) **3rd** Gillian Graham (61) Thank you for your continued support to Hethersgill Parish Hall 100 club

Stapleton Public Hall can be booked or enquiries made by email bookings@stapletonpublichall.co.uk or calling Eileen on 016977 3196.

Post Office at Stapleton Public Hall on Wednesdays 1 – 2.30 pm. All usual Post Office services available, post a letter or parcel, as well as take out cash or pay in cheques.

Shankhill C of E Primary School and Nursery - We have places throughout school for children aged 3 - 11, with free 15 & 30 hours places for children aged 3+ Mon-Fri 8.45-3.30 pm, with the option of Breakfast Club for everyone from 08:00 to 8:45, and After-School Clubs from 3:30 to 4:30. Please call 01228 577264 or email office@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk for more information

Shankhill Parent & Toddler Group every Wed 1:30 –3:20pm during term time. 01228 577264 Updates on our Facebook page

Bewcastle Primary School and Nursery – places available throughout school for children aged 3 – 11. We now offer wrap around care, 8am -5pm. For further information please call 016977 48662 or email admin@bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk

Bewcastle School Nursery – Nursery places available for children aged 3+, full and part time places available. For further information please call 016977 48662 or emailadmin@bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk

Bewcastle Primary School Play Group at Bewcastle School, Roadhead, Cumbria, CA6 6PF. Every TUESDAY during term time 1.30pm – 3pm. From children aged 0–4 years along with parents/carers, are welcome to come along and join in the fun! £1 per child. For more information, contact Emma at Bewcastle School on 016977 48662 or admin@bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk

Bewcastle Scouts Contact. Simon Barrett 01228 497970 or David Harding 07935172942 bewcastlescouts@gmail.com

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Deadline for the **August 2024** issue is **Saturday 13th July** to Tricia Coombe, Damhead, Lyneholmford, Roweltown, CA6 6LQ. 016977 48833 or triciacoombe@damhead.me