

January 2025 -----BENEFICE NEWS-----January 2025

For enquiries please contact Revd Dr Robert Brown

Priest-in-Charge, Bewcastle, Stapleton and Kirklington with Hethersgill

Greenholme, Bewcastle, Cumbria, CA6 6PWT: 016977 48438

email: Robert.Brown@BewcastleHouseOfPrayer.org.uk

Date	Sunday	Bewcastle	Stapleton	Hethersgill	Kirklington
5 th Jan	Epiphany	10 am HC			
12 th Jan	Baptism of Christ			10 am HC	
19 th Jan	Epiphany 2		10 am HC		
26 th Jan					10 am HC
2 nd Feb	Candlemas	3 pm HC			

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

Knowe United Reformed Church, Bewcastle
2.15 pm

The Epiphany Prayer

O God, who by the leading of a star revealed your only Son to the peoples of the earth, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold you face to face, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Church Notices

From the Registers:

Funeral: Michael Trengove (31) of Ipswich at Carlisle Crematorium on Friday 13th December 2024

A selection of podcast sermons can be found on the [Bewcastle House of Prayer](#) website under the 'Podcasts' menu tab. Please do sign up to receive notifications and updates.

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.

I've often wondered what it must have been like for those men and women who were Jesus' first disciples .Another day... Breakfast over. Jesus is already up and about, secure in the knowledge that his back up team will pay for the night's lodging, sort out the dirty washing, organise lunch and find a bed for the coming night. But their chores didn't stop there.

Rather like minders at a Pop Concert, or the skilled staff in a busy A and E Dept. they were forever meeting and welcoming, marshalling and shepherding people who wanted to speak with Jesus - sharing their wants and needs. A kind of Triage you might call it. Introducing people to Our Lord, then leaving them in His care knowing that He would do for them whatever was best.

That picture I suggest is close to what we call Intercession. Most importantly Intercession begins with a personal knowledge of Our Lord, as we discover through our daily prayers (or perhaps weekly worship) that each and every day He is with us constantly as an unseen but unfailing Guardian and Guide. There's a prayer we say each morning in The Daily office which for me gets it spot on. "The night has passed and the day lies open before us. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light and presence of God set our hearts on fire with love for Him."

I think it would be true to say that for me over a life time (87 years and still counting!) this constant awareness of Our Lord has become for me a powerful reality. It's there first thing each morning as I remember before Him in my love and prayers those 75 or so people for whom I have a special love and care. But as the day unfolds I also share with Him the never ending Kaleidoscope of those I meet or hear about as I do the rounds.

Those perhaps who live in the houses I pass - so many of whom over the years have become close friends. Those "every day people" I meet as each new day unfurls. The person at the till. The disabled person crossing the road with their sticks. Those whose lives I read about in my Paper or hear of in the news. Victims of war, starving or homeless. Hapless politicians getting it wrong! The sad. The frightened. The lonely and the dying.

As each person comes to sight or mind instinctively I lift them to God my companion and friend "Lord you know and love each one. Into your hands I commend them." This privilege - for that is what it is- a privilege, has become increasingly relevant in my later years. Not nosiness or intrusion. Just a measured and continuous "Mulch" of shared compassion, concern and care. .

For the truth is that although this is God's World, and He made it and sustains it, STILL He invites each one of us to help make it a happier place simply by having a compassionate and watchful eye for all around us. Sometimes there will be practical things we can do to help. But at the very least the sharing of other people's needs is a wonderful antidote to our own often cloistered little world. What's more this form of intercession can take place even in bed or an armchair! Just one way, a simple way, in which (in whatever way may be ours) we can work with God to make His world a happier place.

I end with some words from St. John in his first Epistle, when as so often He gets it so right and puts it so well (1 John 4 v 11-12)

"Beloved, since God loved us so much we ought also to love one another. For if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

"Yes, Indeed! I believe that the constant and prayerful lifting up of others into the love and care of God may achieve more than we shall ever know or understand.

Bishop John

January 2025-----BENEFICE NEWS-----January 2025

Monday 30th December 8 pm Folk Tunes Session at the Black Lion, Hethersgill. All welcome to come along and play or listen. Some tunes to ensure we have something in common to play can be found on the [Bewcastle House of Prayer](#) website. Music can be found by searching for them on [TheSession.org](#) website.

Saturday 4th January Stapleton Public Hall Dance with Brian Griffin. Details Mary Thompson 016977 48378

Wednesday 8th January 10.30 – 12 noon Stapleton WI Coffee Morning at Stapleton Public Hall.. Our friendly local branch is always seeking new members so come and join us for coffee and cake with no obligation. Open to all in our community and neighbours further afield. Our Cumbria/Cumberland Federation Trustees will be joining us to answer your questions. If you are new to the area, or looking to make new friends, come and find out what the WI can offer you. Raffle and Bring and Buy table.

Tuesday 14th January Kirklington & District WI Lunch

Thursday 16 January 10 am – 11 am) "The Caring Cafe" - NEW monthly event from the Bewcastle Hub team! at Roadhead Hall (supper room). A 'quiet cafe' for local carers and their adult dependents, those who find a noisy space difficult, or anyone who would simply like some company - this is for you! Come along and share a coffee, chat and some homemade cake with us! No charge. Cakes for sale and some craft stalls

Saturday 18th January 7.30 pm Queen Tribute Night at Stapleton Public Hall. Tickets £10 on the door, or £8 early bird from Jenny 07866 231196. Food available by Kirkups from 7.30 pm. Fancy dress optional

Sunday 19 January 10.30am- 2 pm Bewcastle Hub at Roadhead Hall. Community drop in event - free entry and refreshments. Cakes, bacon rolls, crafts and produce for sale. All welcome.

Tuesday 21st January 8 pm Bewcastle Heritage Society Programme planning meeting at Roadhead Hall. All ideas welcomed.

Friday 24th January 7 pm Stapleton PCC Burns Night at Stapleton Public Hall. . Supper with a light touch of Burns and dancing led by the wonderful Margaret Main to help the PCC raise funds for St Mary's Church. Tickets £12.50 (under 12s free) to include 2 courses and a nip of whisky. Haggis, neeps & tatties, or steak pie/veggie option. Bar available. Details and tickets from Catherine 016977 48322/07746 286311 or Tricia 016977 48833 or any member of the PCC. Please bring plate, glass and cutlery.

Monday 27th January 8 pm Folk Tunes Session at the Black Lion, Hethersgill. All welcome to come along and play or listen. Some tunes to ensure we have something in common to play can be found on the [Bewcastle House of Prayer](#) website. Music can be found by searching for them on [TheSession.org](#) website.

Claiming Dates

Saturday 1st Feb Stapleton Public Hall Dance with Denis Westmorland

Saturday 22nd February Hethersgill Social Committee Ceilidh at Hethersgill Parish Hall with Iain Anderson's Band. Details to follow or contact Irene 01228 675389

Ab Fab Yoga: Every Monday 10 am at Stapleton Public Hall. Kath 07931 285475

Line Dancing Classes: Every Monday 7.30 - 9 pm at Stapleton Public Hall. Ann Robb 07855 919368
Anyone who can't attend please let Ann Robb know. Thanks

Stapleton Knit and Natter Group: Every Tuesday 7pm All welcome. For details contact Carol 01697543094.

Stapleton Bowling Club: Every Thursday 8 pm

Yoga: Every Thursday 6 pm in Hethersgill Parish Hall

January 2025-----NEWS AND THANKS January 2025

St Mary's Church, Stapleton are looking for a cleaner, about once a month, in the week before the service £12.50 per hour. Please contact Catherine 016977 48322/07746 286311

St Mary's Church, Stapleton PCC would like to thank everyone who contributed to the work on the roof and tower which have now been completed. It wouldn't have been possible without all the contributions of time and help at fundraising events as well as financial generosity. The Flower & Produce Show made £650.90 and the Harvest Supper £820.30. We are also indebted to the Benefact Trust, one of the UK's largest Christian grant-making trusts for their financial assistance.

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 eg. grass cutting/strimming/cleaning please contact Irene 01228 675 389 or Madge 01228 675568. Thankyou

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

Hethersgill Parish Hall 100 Club. If you would like to join, please contact Irene on 01228 675389 or any Committee member. £11 per year, monthly Prize Draw. November Winners: 1st Bill McCormick, 2nd Ellie Richardson, 3rd Grant Sisson. December Winners: 1st Graham Telfer, 2nd Linda Somerfield, 3rd Willie Telfer. Thanks for all your support.

Great North Air Ambulance Clothing Collection @ Bewcastle Primary School. A massive THANK YOU to everyone who supported the GNAA clothing collection, an amazing £160.40 was raised for Bewcastle Primary School PFA. A big thank you to Becky's pop up bar for being a collection point. Our next clothing collection has been scheduled for Wednesday 30th April 2025.

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 Scouts Contact. Simon Barrett 01228 497970 bewcastlescouts@gmail.com

Newsletters can be picked up from: Kirklington Church porch, Hethersgill Church porch, Stapleton Church, Bewcastle Church, Stapleton Public Hall Porch, Smithfield Garage office, Garry Phillip's Garage. Or downloaded : www.Bewcastle.com/news-events, www.BewcastleHouseOfPrayer.org.uk/parish-notice

Deadline for the **February 2025** issue is **Saturday 11th January** to Tricia Coombe, Damhead, Lyneholmford, Roweltown, CA6 6LQ. 016977 48833 or triciacoombe@damhead.me