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Church Services for August

	Bewcastle	Hethersgill	Kirklington	Stapleton
7th August Trinity 9				10 am HC
14th August Trinity 10	10 am HC and Healing Service			
21st August Trinity 11		10 am MP		
28th August Trinity 12				10 am HC
4th September Trinity13			10 am Holy Baptism	

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Services first Sunday in month 2.15pm

Church Notices

From the Registers

Baptisms:

Sadie Iris Laurie (b. 24/08/2020), at St Cuthbert Kirklington, Sunday 3rd July 2022

Funerals

Clive James Elliott (50) of Brookfield/Abby Croft, Hethersgill; St Mary Hethersgill, Monday 27th June 2022

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

Donations towards the cost of the newsletter would be greatly appreciated as we have had some extra costs this year. Donations can be made direct to your distributor or to Tricia Coombe. Please note that we can no longer accept cheques, cash donations only. Thank you to those who have donated.

August 2022-----BENEFICE NEWS-----August 2022

Dear Friends,

Time. What is it? Not, what is THE time, but what is time? We refer to it all the time. There, just like that. Every appointment we make, every meeting we arrange, every meal to which we sit down, we constantly refer to time. As I write this, we are in the midst of an unprecedented heat wave in mid July. By the time you read this, that will be a memory of several weeks ago. Time will have passed and the moment will have gone. But when you try to think about time, and in particular the present time, it is as elusive as trying to grasp mist. For the moment you think or say something, it is already in the past. The words have been spoken, or the eyes have glimpsed something, or the ear has heard a sound, or the hand has moved or touched an object, or person, or animal, and it is already just a memory.

But these memories are what we use to define who are and how we face the future. It is our memories that shape us, and on which we base all our decisions about how we will react and behave in any given circumstance. We plan, we save, we shop, we prepare, we expect and anticipate: we are always looking to the future, to the time that is yet to come. But as soon as it comes it is gone and passes into history. Our history.

It is one of the great sadnesses of life when those whom we love, and especially those who have loved us and brought us up, start to 'lose' those memories, and the person they once were changes almost into a stranger. Sometimes their memories return, and then we recognise once again the person we love. At other times they seem to be lost as in a dense fog with no way to orientate themselves. They have lost the story that tells them who they are, and who the folk are that surround them and love them. The moments of the now come and then evaporate without leaving a trace in the memory.

Without memories, we have no way of orientating our lives to live each day. No way to make decisions or to plan, or to know how to behave. It is this extraordinary processing of time past that enables us to be oriented towards time future. And yet we live in this vanishingly invisible moment called 'now'. Sometimes we may long for the past, or at least our memories of it, but we cannot live there. And the future is always that – never here, and yet we live for it.

If that is all there was to our lives and our existence, it would be unbearable, especially as our minds begin to lose their grasp of memory. But one of the insights that dementia brings, is that actually, although we may lose sight of who we are, others do not. Those around us hold us in their love, based on their memories of us. And that is the reflection of the way God sees us. For in our baptism, we are given a name before God, and that name does not depend on us. It is a gift, and it holds our presence before God regardless of what happens to us. We may lose everything, our complete identity, but we are known by God, who holds all our memories in his hand, and that means we are safe. Whatever happens to us, God knows us, loves us, and keeps us, even when we become strangers to ourselves and those around us.

But memories can also strangle us. They can keep us prisoners in our own minds. They can form suffocating cages from which it seems there is no escape. This may be due to our own failures or disappointments, or it may be due to pain and abuse inflicted by others in our past. These memories need healing, sometimes also professional help, if we are to be free to become the person God created us to be.

And not just our minds and memories. Often our bodies need healing, too. We have an extraordinary health service that does its best to heal us of all our ailments and infirmities. But sometimes its important to turn to the Master healer – the one who created and knows us best. He will always heal us if we ask him, because that is his nature – it may not be this side of the grave, but then again, it might.

This month I will be holding a healing service at St Cuthbert, Bewcastle on 14th August at 10am for everyone in the benefice. If you would like to receive prayer and anointing for healing of any sort, either for yourself, or on behalf of someone else, please come. Even if you have never been to church before, you are welcome. All you need to do is bring yourself, and your need only, green as a leaf.

Your friend and priest,

Robert

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Saturday 6th August 7.30pm Stapleton Public Hall Dance with Bon Accords. For details contact Mary 016977 48379

Tuesday 9th August Kirklington & District WI Summer Outing to New Lanark

Sunday 21st August 11 am Bewcastle Heritage Society Discover Lambley & the POW Camp. A gentle day out with Trevor. Bring a snack and a drink. Meet at Roadhead Hall.

Claiming Dates

Saturday 3rd September Stapleton & Solport Parish Show in aid of St Mary's Church

This will be the 68th Annual Flower, Vegetable and Industrial Show and after a 2 year break, we hope everyone is keen to exhibit their home grown produce or a hand crafted item to demonstrate the wealth of talent and expertise in the parish. Classes range from a best single bloom to 3 hen eggs and of course in the year of the Platinum Jubilee there is a class for any article commemorating the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Every entry fee goes towards raising desperately needed funds for the repairs of St Mary's Church. What easier way to help than by baking your favourite gingerbread or making a simple arrangement in an egg cup. There are many varied classes in the Children's section covering Reception to Year 6 and all children's entries are free. Even if you don't feel tempted to exhibit something, come along for a fun afternoon and buy something at the exhibits' sale after the presentations.

Schedules are available from the Hall and St Mary's, Stapleton.

Saturday 6th September 7.30 pm Stapleton Public Hall Dance with Robert Whitehead

Monday 19th September (afternoon and evening) an event for everyone living around Bolton Fell Moss, or with a connection to it, to celebrate the end of the project, *Moss of Many Layers*, involving Shankhill and William Howard schools, artists, University of Cumbria, contractors, and local folk with stories of Bolton Fell in its former life as a peat factory. The event will be partly on the Nature Reserve, with a walk round the new boardwalk in the afternoon (wheelchair and push chair accessible), then back to Hethersgill hall for refreshments. This will be a chance to see an exhibition of artwork, poetry and photography that has been created by local artists and the school groups, and showings of a short film that has been created. We really hope it will be of interest to plenty of people who live in the local parishes.

Friday 30th September Stapleton PCC Harvest Supper in Stapleton Public Hall

Friday 21st October Solport and Stapleton Jubilee Committee are planning a night at the hall to have a look at the photos from the family day in June and to present the new community photograph. There will be a pie and pea supper. More details next month.

Hethersgill Singing Group meet on a Tuesday at 7 pm at the chapel by the crossroads. Come along and find out how to really enjoy singing or call Sian 07932390864

Yoga in Hethersgill Parish Hall 6 pm every Thursday

Knit and Natter at Stapleton Hall is having a rest for the Summer. We will resume early September, date to be advised. Ring Carol on 01697 543094 for details.

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Kirklington Church yard up keep. We would all like to appreciate and enjoy seeing this community space kept tidy, however the only way regular upkeep is possible is through voluntary help from the community! Volunteers would be very welcome for strimming, cutting grass etc. Please contact Margaret on 01228675652 or Sandra 01228675510

Shankhill C of E School Nursery education for children, free for children aged 3 plus Mon-Fri 9-12 noon with option to stay for lunch & play until 1pm 01228 577264 office@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk.

Shankhill Parent & Toddler Group every Wed 1:30 – 3:30pm during term time. 01228 577264.

Shankhill PTA collects printer cartridges. leave donations at School during term time or phone 01228 577264

Bewcastle Primary School Play Group at Bewcastle School, Roadhead, Cumbria, CA6 6PF. Every Monday during term time 9.30am – 11am. 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

Brampton and Fellside Repair Café. This is a new initiative to promote repair as an alternative to simply throwing things out. We will be hosting regular Repair Café sessions at the Community Centre in Brampton beginning on 27 Aug and later at satellite venues along the Fellside like the Hallbankgate Hub. We would love to hear from any 'repairer' who enjoys 'mending stuff and sharing knowledge' about ordinary household goods and we are also recruiting people to serve tea, coffee and cakes. Interested? Email Heather heather.tipler@gmail.com or chat to her on 016977 2849 or 07871 403787 or Gary gaz2676@hotmail.co.uk or 07554 265299 to find out more.

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 September 2022 issue is **Saturday 20th August** to Tricia Coombe, Damhead, Lyneholmeford, Roweltown, CA6 6LQ. 016977 48833 or triciacoombe@damhead.me