

Letter from the Vicar

In the life of the Church, November is a time of beginnings and endings, or perhaps more accurately, endings and beginnings. We begin the month marking and remembering endings, particularly the end of the First World War and, through our collective act of Remembrance, we pray for an ending to war and conflict through the year. Through this ending we also pray for a new beginning. A new beginning of hope and reconciliation through the world.

A week later we keep the Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the Church year. All the feasts and festivals of the Church year, beginning with Advent and Christmas, passing through Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and then celebrated through the many weeks of Trinity season, culminate in this Feast. Remembering the victory of God in all things, Christ the King offers us a vision and not only promises that lie beyond our own ends, but also the promise of the new beginnings we are all offered in Christ.

In the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, we are given a great image of these beginnings and endings, as God is described as the 'Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end' (Alpha and Omega being the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet). What this image always reminds me of is that God is present in all things. Not just when things are going well, or when things get tricky, in all things from the very beginning and the very very end.

In the church, we try to live this call out, perhaps most visibly in our public ministries of Christenings and Funerals. Everyone in this Parish has the right to be baptised and buried in the Parish Church. This is not just a legal point but, for me, a living out of this very real call for the Church to be at the beginning and end of all things as God is. Because, as we will find in this month of endings there is, on Advent Sunday, a new beginning. Beyond our endings we find these new beginnings, and through that know that God is there always.

Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

PCC – Thursday 10 November in the Church Room at 7.30 pm Church Room.

MU – Wednesday 23 November at Haydon Bridge – Mr John Cox 'Advent, Faith and Fireworks'. **Monday 5 December** at 2 pm Holy Cross, Deanery Advent Service.

The Shaftoe Singers in concert in aid of church funds. At the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 8 December**, £6 including supper. Tickets from Church Wardens.

NOTES AND NOTICES

South Tyne Sustainability

Monday 7 November at 7pm for 7.30 pm at Kasteale Cafe, Haltwhistle. AGM - A review of this year's activities and plans for 2017 - all welcome.

South Tyne Wildlife Group

Tuesday 8 November at 7.30 pm at The Comrades Club - Kevin O'Hara 'Otters' - £3 all welcome.

WI – Wednesday 9 November – 'Northumbria Blood Bikes'; hostesses: Doreen Wallace and Sheila Oughton. Competition: 'a first aid kit'; bring and buy stall.

Haltwhistle Art Group on Friday 11 November

Open Morning 10-12.30 pm at the Methodist Hall. Teas, coffees, 'have a go', cards, pictures and jewellery for sale. Do drop in.

Highlights present – Pentabus Theatre in 'Here I Belong' on Saturday 12 November at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

It's Elsie's birthday and she has lived in the village for 60 years. She needs help to stay where she belongs. Join us for a sensitive, honest and charming portrayal about village life and the right to grow old in your own home. Tickets £7.50 from Geeta (344424) or at the door.

Also, on Saturday 19 November 'An Evening with James Hill and Anne Janelle' at 7.30 pm at Holy Cross Church. An amazing duo of ukulele and cello. Tickets from 320260.

Haltwhistle Garden Club

Monday 14 November – 7.30 pm at the Comrades Club, Talk and Supper. Please bring a contribution to the meal.

Local History Group

Monday 14 November – 2 pm at the Bowes Hotel, Maureen Brook 'Northumbrian Customs'.

Bingo Night at the Village Hall on Wednesday 16 November 7 for 7.30 pm £5 – to include six games. Refreshments available.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Green Christmas Craft Fair and Farmers Market at Greenhead on Sunday 11 December from 10 to 2.30 pm.

		ROTAS		
NOVEMBER	CHURCH	WARDEN	SIDESMAN	FLOWERS
6 November	Henshaw	Storrie	Collingwood /Scott	Furlong/ Thompson
13 November	Henshaw	Adams	Galbraith/ Rowlands	Scott/ Wilkinson
20 November	Henshaw	Green	Palmer Hewitt	“
27 November	Beltingham	Galbraith	Slater/ Hayward	*Wancke/ Galbraith/ Jackson
4 December	Beltingham	Storey	McKenna/ Walker	*ditto
*No flowers in Advent – cleaning only				

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	SERVICES	
NOVEMBER	BELTINGHAM/ HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
6 November 3 before Advent	9.30 am Parish Eucharist (BCP) – Henshaw	11 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church
13 November Remembrance Sunday	10 am Remembrance Day Service – Henshaw concluding at the War Memorial	
	10.15 am Remembrance Day Service – Haydon Bridge - followed by Act of Remembrance at War Memorial	
20 November Christ the King	9.30 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church - Henshaw	11 am Parish Eucharist (BCP)
27 November Advent 1	10 am Joint Eucharist - Beltingham	
	3 pm Advent Carols – Haydon Old Church	
4 December Advent 2	9.30 am Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church – Beltingham	11 am Parish Eucharist (BCP)

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