

The Week Ahead

Mon 11 Mar	9.15am 12pm 7pm	Morning Prayer - Belmont Funeral of Kenneth Dain - Belmont PCC Meeting - Belmont
Tues 12 Mar	9.15am 1.30pm 7pm	Morning Prayer - Belmont Waymark Lent Course - Pittington Waymark Lent Course - Belmont
Wed 13 Mar	10.00am 10am	Holy Communion - Belmont Heather Murray and Val Sheddon Cafe Church - Belmont Parish Hall
Thur 14 Mar	9.15am 12.30pm 7.15pm	Morning Prayer - Belmont <i>The Table</i> meal in Belmont Parish Hall United Benefice Choir - Belmont
Fri 15 Mar	12.15pm	Alpha Course - Belmont Parish Hall
Sun 17 Mar	8am 9.30am 10.30am 5-6.30pm 7-8.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) - Belmont Preside: Heather Murray Preach: Kat Witham Parish Eucharist - Pittington Leslie Morley Parish Eucharist - Belmont Preside: Heather Murray Preach: Kat Witham Young Explorers - Belmont Funday Youth Group - Belmont

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The United Benefice of
St Mary Magdalene, Belmont
and St Laurence, Pittington



Sunday 10th March 2019 The First Sunday of Lent

8am	Parish Eucharist (BCP) - Belmont Heather Murray
9.30am	Parish Eucharist - Pittington Heather Murray
10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Belmont Kevin Dunne
5-6.30pm	Young Explorers - Belmont
7-8.30pm	Funday Youth Group - Belmont

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Bible Readings
Deuteronomy 26.1-11
Romans 10.8b-13
Luke 4.1-13

Hymns for the 10.30 service
569 Rock of ages, cleft for me
173 Forty days and forty nights
333 Jesu, lover of my soul
Screen Safe in the shadow of the
Lord
557 Purify my heart
608 Take up thy cross, the
Saviour said
19 All my hope on God is
founded

Notices

For prayer this week:

We pray for Christopher Browne, Joyce Fry, Anne Johnson, Margaret Mechin and her niece who cares for her, Dorothy Potts, Pamela Uren and for all who are **housebound or infirm**.

We pray for those who are **unwell or in need** at this time, remembering especially Colin Bond, Sarah Davie, Andrew Dover, Joe Hardman, Mike Jackson, John Pagella, Audrey Roberts, Jackie Roberts, Trevor Uren and Ray Wilson.

We pray for all those who have been **bereaved**, especially for the family and friends of Kenneth Dain, whose funeral takes place next week.

From Our Parish weekly prayer cycle, we pray for: The Mothers' Union; local shops; victims of crime; Pitlington Primary School, staff and pupils; residents of Plantation Avenue, Littleton; Derbyshire Drive, Oakham Drive, Lingdale, *Nuns' Row*, Nottinghamshire Road, Carrsway, Belmont



The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place at 1.45pm on Monday 18th March in Belmont Barish Hall. This month, Kevin & Liz Dunne will be talking about their trip to Georgia last year.

The monthly Cathedral prayers will be held at 11.15am on Tuesday 12th March in the Gregory Chapel. St Mary Magdalene branch of the Mothers' Union will be leading the short service.

On Wednesday, 13th March, we hope to enrol some new members of the Mothers' Union during the 10am service at St Mary Magdalene Church.

News from St Nicolas' Branch of the Mothers' Union:
St Nicholas Deanery Mothers' Union - Wednesday March 20th, the speaker is Daniel Munayer from Jerusalem who is a post-graduate student here. He will talk about his 2 years in Greece working with the refugees arriving by boat. The meeting is at 2pm in the Church and everyone is welcome, gentlemen included!



The Waymark Lent Course

You are invited to join with churches across Durham in a specially written Lent course, starting Tuesday 12th March. The afternoon group will meet at 1.30pm at St Laurence, Pitlington and the evening group will meet at 7pm at St Mary Magdalene, Belmont. Please express an interest by signing up on the sheet in the back of the church.

Electoral roll

You will find in the Narthex a form for the Application of Enrolment on the church parish roll. The parish roll is the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote in the Church of England. The roll is completely renewed every six years, when everyone has to re-apply for membership. 2019 is a renewal year, so please could you pick up a form from the back of the church and fill it in. You can either leave it in the box provided or hand it to Anne Corbett, who is the new parish roll co-ordinator, one of the wardens or myself.

The 2019 Cuthbert Lecture will be given by Reverend Matthew Firth in St.Cuthbert's Church Hall, Darlington DL1 5QG on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30 pm (Refreshments from 7.00 pm)

What is Truth?

Restoring a foundation for Church, State and Culture

Everyone welcome!

Open the Book Training Day

Tuesday 21st May
10am-3pm
Cuthbert House, Stonebridge DH1 3RY
Please contact Kate Martin:
0191 374 6017

Explorers Group

Every Sunday in March from 5-6.30pm a new Explorers group for young people in school years 4-7 will meet in St Mary Magdalene's Church, Belmont. The five sessions will explore the theme of 'Blessings' through games, crafts, quizzes, conversations and food. All are welcome. Places must be booked in advance. Please speak to Kat or Esther Gregory-Witham if you are interested or email katherine.f.gregory-witham@durham.ac.uk.



You are invited to explore:-
Life, Faith and Meaning



with an Alpha course
Beginning this
Friday, March 15th,
12.15-2.15 in
Belmont Parish Hall, Lunch Provided
See David Lucas for
further information

10.30 service 24th March

The 10.30 service at St Mary Magdalene is no longer a joint service at St Laurence. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at St Mary Magdalene showing the duties that need to be filled. Please would you sign up to show which duties you are willing to undertake.

Setting the Captives free!

Monday 11th March, 12-2pm
Cuthbert House
Learn more about modern slavery and how churches can help with its prevention, and supporting survivors.
With Bishop Alistair Redfern and
Caroline Virgo