

The Week Ahead

Mon 31 July	9.15am	Morning Prayer - Belmont
Tues 1 Aug	9.15am	Morning Prayer - Belmont
Wed 2 Aug	10.00am	Holy Communion - Belmont
Fri 4 Aug	9.15am	Morning Prayer - Belmont
Sat 5 Aug	1pm	Service of Holy Matrimony - Pittington
Sun 6 Aug	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Belmont Kevin Dunne
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist - Pittington Leslie Morley
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Belmont Kevin Dunne

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



Sunday 30th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8am	Parish Eucharist (BCP) - Belmont Jenny Moberly
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The Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard-seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Bible Readings

1 Kings 3.5-12
p368
Romans 8.26-end
p1310
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52
p1130

Hymns for the 10.30 service

555 Praise to the Lord
369 King of glory, King of peace
19 All my hope on God is
founded
40 As the deer pants for the
water
56 Before the throne of
God above
36 Angel voices ever singing
652 The Spirit lives to set us
free

Notices

For prayer this week:

We pray for Anne Johnson, Bob Kitching, Betty Neil, Dorothy Potts, Margaret Stout, 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 Sarah Davie, Richard Harrison, Mike Jackson, Brian Radcliffe, Audrey Roberts, Jackie Roberts and Trevor Uren.



We pray for all those who have been **bereaved**.

From Our Parish weekly prayer cycle, we pray for: Junior Church leaders; University Hospital of North Durham, staff and patients; those seeking asylum; residents of St Lawrence Close, Pitlington; Thrushcross Place, High Street, Filby Drive, Willowtree Avenue, Belmont.

During the summer holidays please can we keep those families who will struggle in our prayers. A growing number of churches are putting on activities for children and families over the next few weeks. Please keep them also in prayer. If you know of any activities that are happening, or would like to add your own activity, please contact Val Barron at Cuthbert House on val.barron@communitiestogetherdurham.org.uk

Stephen Martin's Licensing

Stephen will be licensed as a Reader at 11am on 23rd September in Durham Cathedral. We pray for Stephen as he takes on this new role. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you would like to attend.

2018 Retreats in Jerusalem and Galilee

Bishop John Pritchard is leading week long retreats in Jerusalem (from 24 April) and Galilee (from 2 May) 2018. These are ways of drinking more deeply from the riches of the sacred places at the heart of our faith without the rush of a pilgrimage. Spacious, refreshing, superb accommodation, the best time of year. If you're interested in either retreat email johnpritchard@btinternet.com



Durham foodbank are looking for volunteer drivers! (Use of own car may be required) Do you have a few spare hours during the week? We are currently looking for volunteer drivers to help with foodbank deliveries and collections. Please contact Kelly on 0191 3889696 or by email kelly@durhamfoodbank.org.uk



St Laurence Church will be holding cream teas every Saturday afternoon in August between 2 and 4pm.

Cake stall
Raffle
All welcome

Sensing the Seasons

10am - 11am

Last Friday of every month
Next walk 25th August
a guided mindfulness walk through Witton Dene, suitable for most abilities.

Meet at St Michael and All Angels Church, Coach Lane
Witton Gilbert DH7 6SX

Weekend away

15th - 17th September
Scargill House, North Yorkshire
"God's loving presence in my life"
Led by Kevin Dunne with a visit from Bishop Paul on Sunday 17th.
Cost will be £133 per person, with a small supplement for en-suite rooms.
Under 25s will be paid for by BET
Booking forms available in the Narthex

Scoughall Challenge 2017

29 August - 1 September 2017

Who for: 12 - 16 year olds

Cost: £89 (book online at www.scriptureunion.org.uk)

Scoughall (pronounced "skole") is a great beach-side venue near North Berwick.

This is an adventure-type holiday run by the Scripture Union and includes travel from locations across the North East. Scoughall offers the opportunity to:

- Sleep in a tent or indoors
- Relax or be active on the beach
- Chat, pray and meet God
- Assault course, zip wire & climbing wall

Saturday 26th August 10 a.m Belmont Library

"The Mosaic Lady", Sue Warlock will read from a book she has written called "The Monkey Wants a Hat" She will illustrate the story with puppets and craft activities will follow. It is aimed at children from 3 to 10 years but anyone of any age is welcome. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Belmont Library (FOBL)

If you know of any event taking place locally that you think might be of interest to our congregations, please let me know! 01913867224 or office@stmarymagbelmont.org.uk
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