

Please contact Jean Gartland on 0191 3868401 or email gartland.jean@gmail.com for Pittington and Geoff Moore on 3863588/07713896102 or geoffrey.moore2@gmail.com for Belmont to book your place next week. Please do so between 12md Thursday and 12md Friday for any service.

The Benefice of St Mary Magdalene, Belmont & St Laurence, Pittington.

Sunday 16th May


Mission & Pastoral Measure 2011:

Please read the notice on the church door which outlines the draft pastoral scheme for St Giles, Shadforth and Sherburn as one benefice and another benefice of Belmont and Pittington. Any representations for and against are to be made by 17th May 2021.

Parish Office: Currently no-one is working in the parish office. Therefore, for enquiries please contact Heather or Liz until further notice.

Date for your diary: -

St MM APCM 2021 is to be held on 23rd May at 11.30 am after the morning service. Reports are in the Narthex.

 Volunteers are needed to help out in Framwellgate Moor Community shop. If anyone can spare a couple of hours per week then please contact Lindsey on 0191 3038623.



Thy Kingdom Come 2021: 13th – 23rd May

Between Ascension Day and Pentecost, the Church worldwide is encouraged to 'light up the world with prayer'. This year, we're each asked to choose 5 people we know and to pray for them to know the presence of Jesus in their lives.

St Mary Magdalene's will be open for private prayer **between 11:30 and 1:30 on Wednesday 19th May** with some simple COVID-secure prayer stations to help you pray.



Anne Corbett has ordered some more boxes/envelopes for the leprosy mission.

Please take one from the Narthex or contact Anne for further details on 0191 3861072 or annecorbett4348@hotmail.co.uk. When they are full they can be left on the donations plate in church.



The Reading group meet again this week:- May 19, 7:00 PM. Join in the Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76280945030?pwd=eWY2NjVDSVBITHpoeXp6L09NSWdWUT09>

Meeting ID: 762 8094 5030 Passcode: TQYTf7



7th Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension Day

Collect Prayer

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find
forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Bible Readings

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:15-17 & 21-end

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

Services this week.

Sun	9.30	Holy Communion SL
	9am	Holy Communion SMM
	10.30am	Holy Communion SMM
Mon	9.15am	Live Stream Morning Prayer
Tues	9.15am	Live Stream Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion SMM
Thurs	9.15am	Live Stream Morning Prayer
Thurs	10-11	SL Church open for prayer
Sat	9.15am	Live Stream Morning Prayer

Please note all services are first streamed to St Mary Magdalene Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMMBelmont>

then posted afterwards to St Laurence's Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1719669764968104?modal=false&should_open_composer=false

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:15-17 & 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters,^[d] the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ "I have revealed you^[a] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of^[b] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by^[c] that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by^[d] the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

For our prayers this week:

Pray for those who are unwell and have asked for our prayers: Maureen Bond, Andrew Dover, Joyce Fry, Richard Harrison, Anna Harvey, Mike Jackson, Anne Johnson (Pittington), Matthew Litobarski, Adam Matthews, baby Hilda, Jackie Roberts, Ray Tones, Trevor Uren and Helen Wilson.



If you would like anyone to be added to the prayer list, please let Heather or Liz know. However, please seek the person's permission first.

From Our Parish weekly prayer cycle:

We pray for Cheveley Park Primary School; the PCCTreasurer and Gift Aid Secretary; independent churches in our area; those involved in marriage preparation; residents of Coronation Terrace, Pittington; Belle Vue Terrace, Fellside Gardens, Poplar Drive, Maureen Terrace, Broomside Lane, Belmont.

Please continue to pray for Stephen Martin and his family as he approaches his ordination on 4th July. He will serve as curate in the parishes of All Saint's Lanchester, St John's Burnhope and St Thomas, Harelaw & Annfield Plain.



Also pray for David Lucas and his family as his training at St Nicholas' Church is coming to an end. After his ordination he will serve at St Michael's Church, Heighington