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

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Please pray for Stephen Martin, David Lucas and their families as they approach their ordinations on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Stephen will serve as curate in the parishes of All Saint's Lanchester, St John's Burnhope and St Thomas, Harelaw & Annfield Plain. David will serve at St Michael's Church, Heighington



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

### Second Sunday after Trinity

#### Collect Prayer

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

#### Bible Readings

**Old Testament Reading:** 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 4:26-34

#### Services this week.

Sun	9.30	Holy Communion SL
	9am	Holy Communion SMM
	10.30am	Holy Communion SMM
	4.00pm	Time service SMM
Mon	9.15am	Live Stream Morning Prayer
Tues	9.15am	Live Stream Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion SMM
Thurs	10.00-11.00	SL Church open for prayer
Sat	9.15am	Live Stream Morning Prayer

Please note there is **no live streamed** morning prayer on Thursdays during June. SMM 10.30 is **NOT live streamed** on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

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

**A Time for Hope**  
*An informal, reflective service*

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm  
St Mary Magdalene, Belmont

Amazon's annual Prime Day event will be held on 21 – 22 June and this year, AmazonSmile is increasing the donation rate for Prime members so they are doubling the amount donated to charity to 1% for any purchases on that day. Every little bit helps towards church funds. Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173193-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173193-0)



It is time for our regular foodbank collection. Please can your donations be left on the vicarage step – donations can be dropped off anytime

between 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks for your on-going generosity.



Ecclesiastical Insurance will make a charitable donation of £130 to our church for every direct household policy taken out between now and 31 December 2021. Find out more at [ecclesiastical.com/trust130](https://ecclesiastical.com/trust130)



Remember to return any completed count on nature record forms to Liz on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34- 6:13

<sup>34</sup> Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup> Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

### Samuel anoints David

**16** The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.'

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.' The LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.'

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?'

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD.'

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The LORD has not chosen this one either.' <sup>9</sup> Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the LORD chosen this one.' <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?'

'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.'

Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.'

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and

handsome features. Then the LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.'

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34:

#### The parable of the growing seed

<sup>26</sup> He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

#### The parable of the mustard seed

<sup>30</sup> Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

### 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 our Library services; sidespeople, lesson readers and altar servers; carers; St John's Methodist Chapel, Pittington; residents of Ernest Place, Beechcroft Close, Grange Road, Mossdale, Berkshire Close, Belmont.