



The Newsletter

To be a pilgrim

MAY 2026

On the stone archway inside our church is a carving of a rabbit. It has long been suggested that this was the inspiration for the 'white rabbit' in Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland*. The time conscious rabbit is often credited with leading the young Alice on a exciting adventure as she follows him down the rabbit hole.

But those who know a little more about the history of the church will remind us that this little stone rabbit has a deeper significance, for he is in fact a 'Pilgrim Hare'. Carrying his scallop shell in his bag (the symbol of St James) he marks the start of one of the ancient routes followed by the Pilgrims of St James. In the the medieval era made their way to the community of Galicia in northwestern Spain, and the supposed final resting place of St James the Great.

Today, the network of pilgrim routes leading to St James (The Camino de Santiago) has become extremely popular. Indeed there has been a real resurgence of interest in the idea of pilgrimage, so much so, that the BBC has rolled out eight seasons of its series following celebrity pilgrims.

Pilgrimage has long been a part of the Christian tradition, going back to the earliest times when pilgrims would make their way up to the temple in Jerusalem, whose songs are found in the Psalms of Ascent (Psalm 120-135). In fact journeying and travelling are themes which emerge again and again in the Bible. These themes raise questions of identity and belonging, freedom and security and ultimately ask us to consider in what, or in whom do we place our trust.

We are exploring this theme further in our small groups; looking at Abraham and his call to leave his home, Moses and the journey he took his people on to freedom, the songs sung on pilgrimage in the Psalms, surviving the exile in a foreign land before considering the journeys Jesus made as well as those undertaken by Paul and his friend's in the book of Acts.

This is rich and deep and has important things to say to us today. If you would like to join a group or find out more, please speak to me (contact details on back page).

Revd Becky Lumley

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We are hiring:
Join our Team

Confirmation Service

Wednesday 13th May @ 7pm

Cherry Burton Church

Come along and support

Angela, Carl, Cheryl, Elesha, Eloise, Lee, Louise, Marie, and Matthew
as they are welcomed into the church

Children and Young People



Amelia led our Livewires Children's Group this Sunday. We read about Jesus finding the lost 🐑 🙏. We had beautiful crafts including a woolly sheep & a Spiritual Tool Box we can rely on 🛠️ 🧰 🕊️ We chatted together and helped each other cut out our tool boxes. A great team 🌟👏👏👏👏👏🏰

Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade



We are so proud of **Melanie Bruton** who received the highest award, from the Lord Mayor, for her outstanding leadership of St Mary's Church Lads and Church Girls **St Mary's Beverley CLCGB**

All that hard work certainly paid off. Well done to all of the members from St Mary's Beverley CLCGB and All Saints & St Andrews Huntington CLCGB for putting on such a great show on the St George's Day parade in York. Team work is the dream work.





We are keen to gather together all those who welcome people to worship, and would also warmly welcome anyone else who is interested in finding out more about this role in church.

On Sunday 31st May at 12:45, there is an open meeting in the church hall to give thanks for this work, talk about the nature of welcome and to explore the opportunity to be involved in offering it. Please do come along to find out more.

And there is another way you might be able to help. We would like to pick the brains of some people who have been coming to St Mary's for the length of time that they can still remember well how it felt when they first arrived. There is a questionnaire for anyone who has been coming to St Mary's for about a year or less; please do pick one up from a church Welcomer on Sunday and give us your thoughts and insights so we can do even better in the future



Church Stars

meets together this **Sunday 10th May at 2pm in the Church hall** for a fun and sensory aware time together 🌸. Looking forward to seeing you, parents & carers 😊

Women's meet

9th May: Pilgrimage Walk 9.45am at Toll Gavel church, during the morning we shall walk to different churches around Beverley. **If you prefer to meet for lunch that is okay too - we will be meeting from 12.30 at Sleepers**, but if you can let me know if you are interested in walk and lunch or either walk and or lunch that would be most helpful. Many thanks Alice 07805078509

Men Meet: Events

Wednesday 27th May Walk and a Pint 7.00pm.

Meet outside the Crown and Anchor pub Tickton HU17 9RY and Walk to Pulfin Bog nature reserve.

Monday 22 June Bowling, at Hollywood Bowl

HU7 3DB Meet outside St Mary's for a lift at 7.00pm or at Hollywood Bowl at 7.15pm.



Christian Aid Week 2026
May 9-16

Sponsored Pilgrimage
visiting the churches in
Beverley

Saturday May 9
Starting from Toll Gavel
at 10 a.m.

Come and join us
Contact: John Turner on 867573 or
email jetbev2@gmail.com





Vintage Lunch dates for your diary:

26 May, 23 June, 28 July

22 September, 27 October, 24 November

Note: instead of the August lunch we are planning an outing (see below)

Garden Pilgrimages:

Well, this was cheating, but because the sun was out, a few of us, on the spur of the moment went to Burton Agnes and Peter Lowe was enraptured by the long glasshouses, which reminded him of past days gardening at Warter Priory (the Good Old Days). We had our traditional dry biscuits and drink from simple paper cups and Peter said it was like a pilgrimage, and so it became, and we prayed for all present and thanked God for the wonderful gardens. Here are Peter, Caroline and Florence.



19 May: a short, flat walk round Keldgate/Minster Moorgate area where several of our people live and where we can visit several lovely little gardens and green spaces maintained by Beverley council and our own splendid St. Mary's gardeners. We'll meet at 44 Leconfield Close (off Keldgate) at 2 pm. A second one will be a visit to David Warren in Walkington. I hope to give you that date next week.

June: 2 dates to be confirmed: Garden Pilgrimages to Jenny Catermole and Lavinia Raynor. If you love your garden or patio please don't feel shy about asking us to visit it. We love all kinds of gardens, even weedy ones.

Contact Carolyn on: 07910 081085

A real coach trip is being planned for a day outing. Any suggestion of places you have never been to or love and would like others to see? Talk to John Faulkner or Carolyn. (Sorry, Paris is too far).

Calling all Talent: We would love more people to be involved in music/short stories/poems/ games for our Vintage Lunches. If you would like a slot, please don't hesitate to announce your talents to Carolyn. Everyone would appreciate hearing from you

Talent Show?: Thinking about the previous point, we have long contemplated having a special Vintage Talent Tea, where we enjoy one another's short performances in word, music, dance (the sky's the limit). Would you like that? Would you like to take part? It could be summertime or early autumn to give us time to plan and you time to do your piano/singing practice (or whatever!). Catch Carolyn or anyone else you recognise in the photo above at church.

Proms anyone?: 6 June. Some of our Vintage Community are looking forward to this extravaganza by the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade. Please See the poster on page 8 of this newsletter for more information and talk to Carole Crossland if you would like to join them.



Here is just part of our Vintage Lunch Team. We have 40 to 50 guests most lunches. This is the crew that set up tables and chairs last Tuesday. If you are ever able to come and help at 11.15, you are welcome to join the fun (and sometimes panic) of this ministry.

Faith in Everyday Life:

James Haggart

Parish Safeguarding Officer at St Mary's.

I have extensive experience across the UK service sector—including education, military, prison services, government, and local authorities with experience in safeguarding and disclosure requirements (DBS in England, PVG in Scotland).

I spent ten years in Scotland, where in my free time I volunteered as a trustee for Logos, a Christian Youth Charity with outreach across all denominations, supporting young people in both the town and nearby rural areas.

Since moving to Beverley, my wife and I have been members of St Mary's and over the past five years I have become increasingly involved with different aspects of the church.

Recently, I became the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Assistant Warden. I believe that creating a healthy church community is a proactive process and requires positive action in leadership, relationship-building and culture-setting. Having gained experience of safeguarding and how it's implemented, I can bring my past knowledge to this important role in context to the church and the wider community.

More importantly, how to consider boundaries in church, as all of our services and activities are open to all and the attitude to individuals has to first and foremost considering how everyone can feel safe regardless of their circumstances and be welcoming.

Further interviews: A note from Alex

I wonder if anyone would like to share with me? However if standing in front of a church and talking maybe you too could introduce in the newsletter by emailing the office.



Safeguarding @ St Mary's

Safeguarding – in church is the proactive responsibility to protect children, young people, and adults at risk from abuse or neglect, promoting a safer culture where everyone thrives. It involves implementing policies, training, and safe recruitment to prevent harm and ensure safe environments for all activities

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

James Haggart 07810798475

Thanks you Gill

Gill's last day with us as Administrator will be on Thursday 28th May.

She will be continuing at St Mary's in her role as a as Licensed Lay Minister (Reader). We would love to see you if you are able please join us

**for a little tea party
at 11am**

**on Thursday 28th May
in the church hall.**

If you would like to contribute to a thank you gift please leave an envelope marked 'For the attention of the Vicar (GG)' in the letter box by the church hall door.

May 2026 Worship

Monday - Wednesday every week
8.30am Morning Prayer, in the Church Hall

Sunday 10 May: Easter 6:

1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Michael Yates,
Preacher Mr John Edmond

9.30am Bubble Church in the Hall

Led by Helena and the Team

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley
Preacher Mrs Gill Gregory

11.15am: 11.15 Service with communion

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley
Preacher Revd Becky Lumley

2pm Church Stars in the Hall

6.30pm Evensong

Leader: Mrs Gill Gregory
Preacher Mrs Carolyn Kirk

7pm The Praise Service in the Hall

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Thursday 14th May

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley
Preacher: Mrs Carolyn Kirk

7pm Ascension Day Service

in the hall

Sunday 17 May: Easter 7:

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

8am Holy Communion

Leader and Preacher Revd Becky Lumley

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley/
Mr Steve Parkin
Preacher: Mr John Edmond

11.15am The 11.15 Service

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

6.30pm Evensong

Leader: Mr Steve Parkin
Preacher; Revd Becky Lumley

Thursday 21st May

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Sunday 24 May: Pentecost:

Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23

8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher:: Revd Becky Lumley

11.15am The 11.15 Service

Leader: Mrs Gill Gregory
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

6.30pm Evensong

Leader: Mrs Gill Gregory
Preacher: Mr Steve Parkin

Thursday 28th May

10am: Holy Communion Service

Leader & Preacher: Revd Michael Yates

Sunday 31st May; Trinity Sunday:

Genesis 1.1-2.4a; Matthew 28.16-20

8am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Michael Yates
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader Revd Becky Lumley/
Mr John Edmond
Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

11.15am The 11.15 Service

Leader and Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

6.30pm Compline

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

Sunday 7 June: Proper 5

Genesis 12.1-9; Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

8am Holy Communion

Leader and Preacher Canon Erik Wilson

9.30am Parish Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Becky Lumley
Preacher: Canon Erik Wilson

11.15am The 11.15 Service

Leader & Preacher: Revd Becky Lumley

6.30pm BCP Communion

Leader: Revd Michael Yates
Preacher; Mr Steve Parkin

St Mary's Evening Prayers



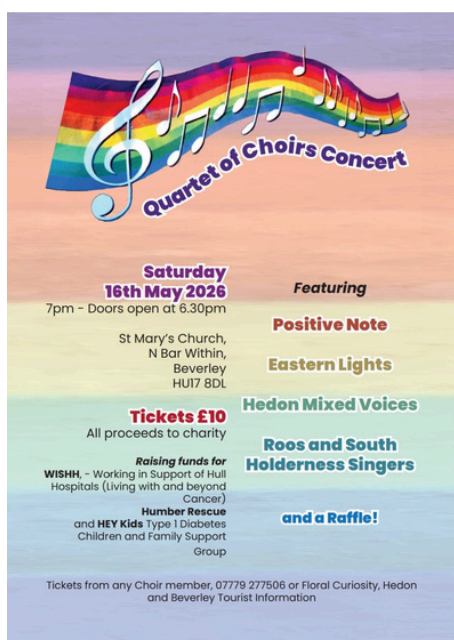
Would you like to read Evening Prayers on Facebook? I am looking for people to join the prayer group, it doesn't matter if you are not on Facebook there are ways around uploading them, the only thing you need to do is being okay with recording yourself on video and even then, I can help record them and or show you how to. If this is something you think is for you then I would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Alice Lee on 07805078509 🙏 thank you

Thy Kingdom Come

will take place between 14 and 24 May and there are these opportunities to worship and pray together:

17 May 7.30pm Encounter worship
at Cherry Burton
20 May 7 for 7.30pm Churches Together Meeting
at Cherry Burton Church Hall
21 May 10-10.30am Toll Gavel United Church Prayer
21 May 7-9pm Prayer
at the Armstrong Centre
23 May 7pm Celtic Evening Prayer
at St Mary's Church or Hall
24 May 6.30pm Memorial Hall Worship hosted by Beverley Community Church

Concerts at St Mary's



Quartet of Choirs Concert

Saturday 16th May 2026
7pm - Doors open at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church,
N Bar Within,
Beverley
HU17 8DL

Tickets £10
All proceeds to charity

Raising funds for
WISHH - Working in Support of Hull Hospitals (Living with and beyond Cancer)
Humber Rescue and HEY Kids Type 1 Diabetes Children and Family Support Group

Featuring
Positive Note
Eastern Lights
Hedon Mixed Voices
Roos and South Holderness Singers
and a Raffle!

Tickets from any Choir member, 07779 277506 or Floral Curiosity, Hedon and Beverley Tourist Information



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CELEBRATION CONCERT

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
BUCKROSE CONCERT BAND

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH, 2-4PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH, NORTH BAR WITHIN,
BEVERLEY, HU17 8DL

FEATURING
A Special FREE concert to celebrate 20 years of Buckrose Concert Band
Donations welcome



St Mary's Beverley
Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade
present

Last Night at the PROMS
Join us for a musical spectacular

Saturday 6th June
7pm start

Oldroyds Corner
Woodmansey Garden Centre

Tickets £8 Adults • £3 Under 10s

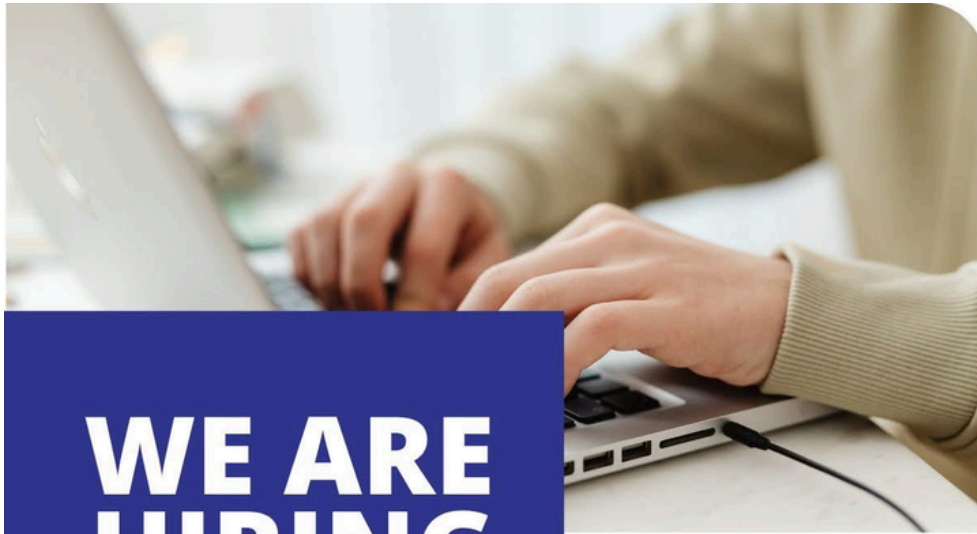
Tickets available direct from CLB, from www.ksrevents.co.uk or on the door.

Don't forget your flags, picnic, drinks and chairs.



2026 BEVERLEY & EAST RIDING EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL
22-24 MAY
MIRACLES & MYSTERIES

We are hiring: Join our Team



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**Part time
Administrator**

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