

BEULAH CHRONICLE

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Calendar

- Sunday 6th Feb** Service led by the leaders using a sermon from Judith Haughton followed by Communion. Judith is having to isolate before a cataract operation next week.
- Sunday 13th Feb** Service led by Phil Jump- Regional Minister NWBA
- Sunday 20th Feb** Morning service led by David Ireland.
3.30 p.m. Induction service for Rev Brian Davison
- Sunday 27th Feb** Service led by Sheila
- Sunday 6th March** Service led by Ruth- including Communion.



Our services will be live via zoom. The ID you need for any of Beulah's services is 483-214-0593 and the password is 92315.

Among our fellowship:

Please pray for Jill and Steve Barrow after the death of Jill's brother David last week.

We gave thanks for the life of Peter Morgan last week and were able to celebrate all he had achieved in his life through his leadership at Beulah and at Heathfield, and in many education settings around Oldham and Manchester. He had such an impact on so many people and had the ability to share his faith and demonstrate it in action. We will really miss his sense of humour and engagement with people of all ages.

Pray also for Ian and Sharon Whitehead- Sharon still has little feeling in her right arm and limited movement in her hand and fingers after her strokes, and Ian is still waiting for treatment for his pain; for Vera who has had a fall in the home and has a hairline fracture in her pelvis- she is back at the home now; for Joan; for Bob and Sylvia; for Phil; for Wynne who has an inner ear infection; for Judith; for all those who are housebound or feeling lonely.

Happy 8th Birthday to Millie



Congratulations to Julie and Frank on becoming grandparents, after the birth of a little boy to Matt and Chantelle on the 3rd February. Details to follow!



Message from the Leaders:

We are delighted that the church meeting voted unanimously to call Rev Brian Davison as our part-time Minister. His induction service will take place on Sunday February 20th at 3.30 p.m. with refreshments afterwards. Please pray for this occasion and for the future direction of the church. The email from Phil Jump which started this process off came out of the blue and as Sheila put it seems like a “God incident!” God is clearly saying there is still much for us to do and we need to be open to opportunities that arise and play our part in making the most of them.

Please do come to the service if you can and invite others so that this is a positive start to a new chapter in the life of Beulah.

Message from the Prison Chaplain:

I wonder if you've ever climbed a high mountain. I went to Northern Ireland a few years ago and to raise money for charity climbed the highest mountain in the province: Slieve Donard.

It was a very bright day and from the summit I had a good view of the Irish Sea, of the other Mourne mountains, of the path I'd taken to get to the top, and of the towns and villages in that part of County Down.

From the top of a mountain all sorts of things look different and gain a different perspective. A pathway which was difficult to climb looks more straightforward when you look back and see it all. Village, town and county boundaries are invisible. Things seem very different at the top of a mountain.

When Peter James and John go up the mountain with Jesus, they began to see things differently. They see Jesus with Moses and Elijah and begin to understand that Jesus is someone very special.

This encounter is known as the Transfiguration, a word which means to transform and to glorify. (The church marks the transfiguration on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday which this year falls on February 27th.)

Not only is the appearance of Jesus transformed, but the outlook of the disciples is changed too. It was widely believed that when the Messiah came, he would be accompanied by Moses and Elijah. They realise that this really is Jesus, the Son of God, and they hear God's voice confirming, “This is my Son.”

Their lives have begun to be transformed too. They leave their homes, jobs and families to follow Jesus. For us too, our lives are transformed when we follow Jesus and live according to his teaching.

Who would have thought that from Mount Ararat God would tell an elderly Noah to start again, or Moses on Mount Sinai to give the people a set of rules for community life, or on Mount Nebo a new land for his chosen people? The elation of the meeting with God has to be translated into action – sometimes difficult action – when they come back down from the mountain-top.

Through a relationship with Jesus, we are thoroughly transformed and by listening to him and obeying there is no limit in what can be achieved for his kingdom. Awesome! “



Tuesday Conversations. The next series with **Graham Tarn** starts the 22nd February and it is likely to be something quite pithy and lead into a Lenten theme. OTMP Tuesdays, 19:30.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85628360477?pwd=VzIPVEIDYW9BUDh0bmhCOWE0ZVRydz09>

Meeting ID: 856 2836 0477

Passcode: 694220

Fairtrade and climate change

fortnight: 21st Feb- 6th March

THE POWER IS IN YOUR HANDS



“In 2022 we are continuing to highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with as COP26 didn’t deliver the change needed to tackle the climate crisis.

The facts are straightforward. Farmers and workers in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras, who have done the least to contribute to climate change, are disproportionately affected by it. The climate crisis is the biggest threat to the livelihoods of millions of small-scale farmers and agricultural workers in low-income countries worldwide.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. Farmers need better incomes and financial support to adapt to changing weather patterns and change their farming methods to ensure a low-carbon economy. By choosing Fairtrade, you show solidarity with those on the frontline of the climate crisis. You are part of the Fairtrade movement, and you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message.

Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE Mark.”

Partnership news:

-The **dawdles** with Rev Graham Tarn continue- a walk of 2-3 miles with chat along the way:

- Friday, 11 Feb, 14:00 – Reddish Vale visitors centre SK5 7HE
- Wednesday, 23 Feb, 14:00 – Daisy Nook visitors centre M35 9WJ
- Tuesday, 1 Mar, 10:30 – Etherow Country park, SK6 5JD.
- Monday, 7 Mar, 14:00 – Hollingworth Methodist Church car park (have permission). Don’t know this one yet but am told it’s pretty and flat.
- Saturday 12 Mar, 14:00 – to be decided – but is likely to include a ‘refreshment’ stop.

-The planned event at Shaw had to be cancelled due to worries about Omicron but will now take place on Sat 5th March from 9.30-12.30 and will be led by Lawrence Heath Moore.

-The Hollinwood Lent groups begin on Tues 8th March for 5 weeks at Hollins Millgate. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Its being based on the film ‘Risen’



A prayer entitled the Breath Prayer by Sheridan Voysey

Pray the first line slowly breathing in and the second line slowly breathing out

I receive your love

And release my insecurity

I receive your joy

And release my unhappiness

I receive your peace

And release my anxiety

I receive your patience

And release my impulsiveness

I receive your kindness

And release my indifference

I receive your goodness

And release my ungodliness

I receive your faithfulness

And release my disloyalty

I receive your gentleness

And release my severity

I receive your self-control

And release my self-indulgence

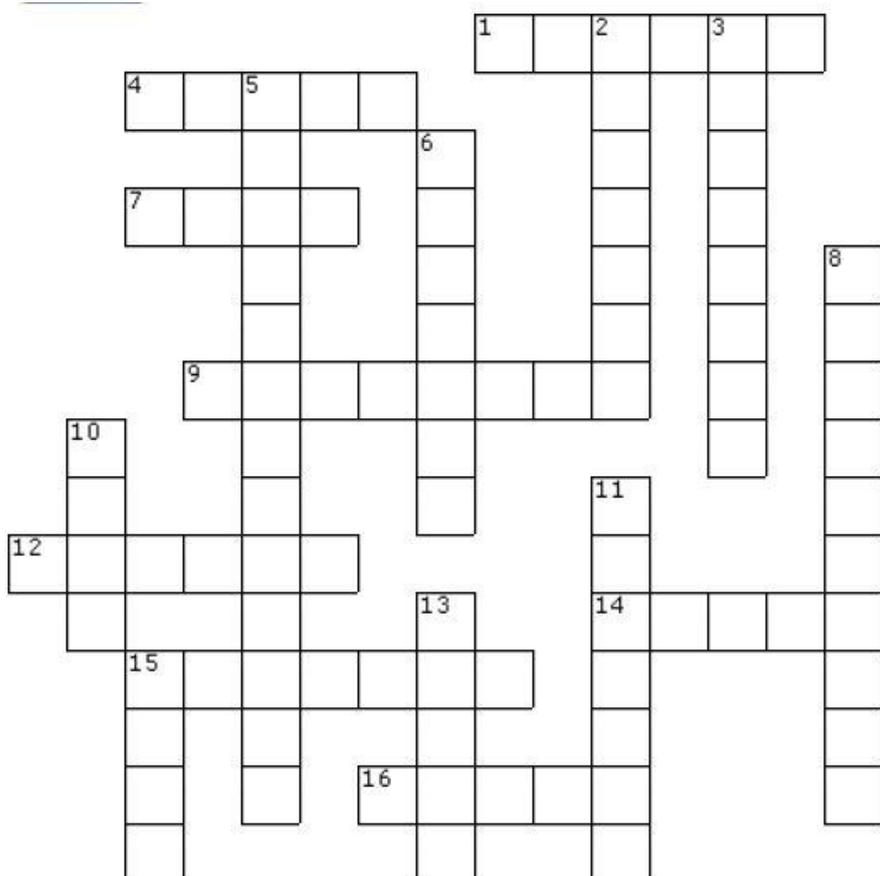
Follow this link to see the music for new words to a well-known hymn tune- I dream of a church

[I dream of a church](#)

The first verse goes like this:

“I dream of a church that awakens God’s vision, of a people who live without counting the cost

That trust in the Spirit of Christ Jesus’ mission, to uplift the oppressed with Good news for the lost.”



ACROSS

1 This Roman governor condemned Jesus

4 The disciple Peter's other name

7 She was Jesus' mother

9 He climbed a tree to see Jesus

12 This disciple was known as "Doubting ___"

14 This disciple walked on water with Jesus

15 This man was the first Christian stoned to death

16 This disciple betrayed Jesus

DOWN

2 Jesus brought

this man back to life

3 He tempted Jesus (2 words)

5 She found Jesus' tomb empty (2 words)

6 This disciple was a tax collector

8 Jesus visited the house of these sisters (2 words)

10 He had a vision and wrote in down in the Book of Revelation

11 John the ___

13 Christ

15 This man became known as Paul after Jesus spoke to him on the road to Damascus

Crossword Puzzle: New Testament People