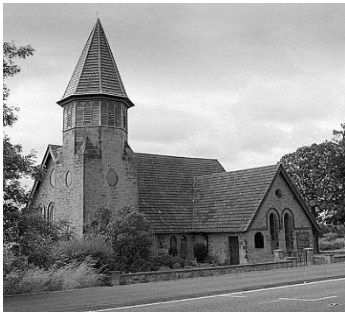


St George's, Widdrington & Great Bavington United Reformed Churches Newsletter



June
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St George's Diary Dates for June

Wed 3rd	12.30pm 7.00pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations About
Sat 6th	10.00am	Coffee Morning for Ukrainian Friends
Sun 7 th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
Wed 10th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Country Dance Club
Sun 14th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wed 17th	12.30pm 7.00pm	Wow Midweek Service Conversations About
Sun 21st	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wed 24 th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Sun 28 th	10.30pm 6.30pm	Morning Worship with Orchestra Evening Service

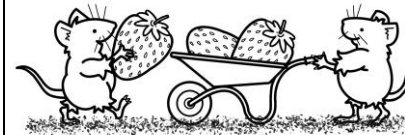
Worship on Wednesdays – doors open at noon for coffee

Stewards Duties for June

7	Christine Oakes & Susan Sanderson
14	Morpeth Fair Day
21	Linda Glascott & Gordon Slack
28	Sarah Cleverley & Karen Howe

Flower Rota for June

7	
14	Morpeth Fair Day
21	Margaret Finnie
28	Sue Rutherford
Rep	Vivien Bennett



WHAT'S ON AT ST GEORGE'S
SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP & JUNIOR CHURCH 10.30 am

_MON	Age UK Exercise: 9.00-12.00 noon Ronka Gbadebo	07952381160
	Age UK Exercise: 3.00 – 4.00pm As above	
TUES	Morning Badminton 10.00am – 12 noon Allen Oakes allen@oakesa.co.uk	
	Rainbows, 5.00pm Liz Kelly 783434 Mobile 07714481089 liz.kelly@jcpce.com	
	Brownies: 6.00pm Susan Fairgrieve. s.fairgrieve21@gmail	
	Guides and Rangers: from 7.00pm Liz Kelly Mobile 07714481089 783434 liz.kelly@jcpce.com	
	Cobweb Orchestra 7.30 – 9.30pm At St Georges Contact: Christine Oakes 518608 or Penny Oxley 514612	
WED	Morning Badminton: 9.30am Sarah Cleverley	515257
	Knitter, Natter Group 2.00 – 4.00pm Joan Cooper	515682
	Afternoon Bowls 2.00pm Andrew Cleverley	515257
	Zumba: 6.00pm High Intensity with Lisa O on 07507 179 692 or zumbawithlisao@hotmail.com	
THURS	Morning Badminton: 10.00-12.00 Allen Oakes allen@oakesa.co.uk	
	Zumba: 5.45pm. Low Intensity with Lisa O on 07507 179 692 or email zumbawithlisao@hotmail.com	
SAT	Table Tennis: 10.00 – 12.00 Christine Richardson Country Dance Club: (Varies from month to month) Contact: Shirley Forster	513913
SUN	Orchestra: Norm. 4 th Sunday (not August) Christine Oakes	518608

Coffee Mornings with our Ukrainian friends take place on the first Saturday of each month so that they can meet with us and also catch up with each other and iron out any small problems.

Who's Who at St George's

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Serving as Managers: David Calcraft (Treasurer), Ken Anderson (Health & Safety), Susan Sanderson, Sarah Cleverley, Mary Kelly (Housekeeping), Andrew & Sarah Cleverley (Stewarding)

The next joint newsletter with Widdrington & Bavington URC's covers events in July & August. The deadline is Sunday 21st June Please do not wait for the deadline if you already have articles ready to be included. Please contact Stephanie. email: robson-robson@hotmail.co.uk

A Message from our Minister, Revd Julian Sanders

Dear Friends,

One of the parts of the story of Pentecost that always makes me smile is when Peter stands up and defends the apostles by saying:

“These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning”

The implication of course, if you had missed the subtext, is that had it not been nine in the morning then drink may well have been blamed for their outlandish behaviour. Any other time of day you may well have caught this band of disciples, representing the early church, rolling round the streets a little worse for wear.

But perhaps it was not their behaviour on that Pentecost that made them seem to be drunk, but instead what they were saying. It may be that these 11 disciples who have started talking to people about God’s plan to save the world by using them to build a worldwide organization – may just seem to be just drunken ramblings.

The Germans have a word for this. It is “Schnapsidee” (pronounced SHNAPS-i-day) and it literally means a booze idea. The word might be used to describe an off the wall idea that comes from a drinking session. It refers to something that’s not just a bad idea, but something so ridiculous that you cannot have been thinking straight when you came up with it. These 11 uneducated men, standing up in front of everyone, talking about the special way God was going to use them to transform the whole world, may just sound too ridiculous.

There are no doubt some alcohol fuelled ideas that would be best just quietly forgotten. But there are some ideas that come from a place inside of us, where we have no inhibitions and where our imagination fizzles, that might just change the world. If a drink or two can unlock the door to those ideas, then perhaps we should not be so quick to write off *schnapsidee*.

The presence of the Holy Spirit certainly unlocked something in those 11 disciples that kick started an idea that has continued to grow. It may seem to some to be so ridiculous that some alcohol must have been involved. But God has no other plan than this. And today that idea is still growing, and you and me are part of that. How crazy is that!

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Brian Clouston. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and their family at this very sad time.

Morpeth for Ukraine

Our efforts to support Morpeth for Ukraine continued pace this weekend. A group of bikers took part in what is called Gary's Ride, biking from the Dyke Neuk, 100 miles through Northumberland and finishing back at the Stanners on Sunday afternoon. All donations collected have been given to the Morpeth For Ukraine fund - £310. The organiser, Dave Robinson has organised this event every year in memory of a family member who tragically died at a young age. A big thank you to all the bikers and to every who helped make this much a success.

We are also having a stand in the Stanners for Morpeth Fair Day so come along and support us. We are raffling loads of goodies including lots of booze – tickets for this are £5.00 each, available from Morag or Patricia, if you are interested.

Our monthly coffee mornings are still very popular and its lovely to catch up with old friends and meet new ones, so come along and join us for 10-12noon on the first Saturday of each month. The cheese scones are very popular!

On behalf of Dementia Uk, Keith and I would like to thank everyone who came to the coffee morning on Friday and who donated so generously to the charity. We raised a phenomenal £513.00 as a result of your generosity. We enjoyed doing it and hope you enjoyed it too.

Morag & Keith

A few words from Clifton Graham, our new Organist

I was recently asked if I would like to introduce myself to the family of St George's Church via the Church Magazine so here is a brief introduction to my background which I hope may be helpful.

I am an organist, accompanist, Anglican priest, incurable foodie and Moonraker, and I moved to Bedlington with my partner John in October 2023. After 33 years in ministry and nearly 20 years in music education and performance before that, it was time for a new challenge.

I remember with enormous gratitude wonderful experiences while studying at the Royal College of Music; a debut recital in St Paul's Cathedral, a life-changing concert in Westminster Abbey co-conducting Bach's B minor Mass with Sir David Willcocks and the chance to explore all those wonderful instruments in buildings across the capital city. I have played far and wide in many well-known venues and been able to balance the life of a musician with parish or university duties either as priest or chaplain, the last of these as Lead Chaplain at the University.

I am the proud father of twin sons from my first marriage and even prouder as grandfather with John of 6 grandchildren, including twin boys yet again. Twins have been repeated in the family tree over many years. Retirement is a wonderful thing and opportunities abound including making music with the good people of St George's URC. If ever you are at Wansbeck General Hospital pop in and say hello as I can often be found volunteering in the hospital cafe just inside the main entrance.

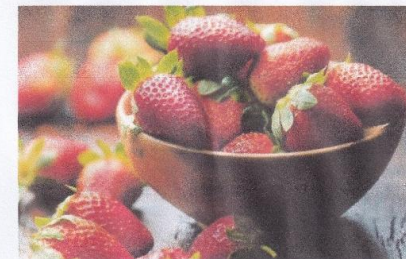
What is in a Name?

Reform was the name of the URC magazine but in April 2026 it changed its name to Reformed Magazine to avoid any confusion with a right-wing populist political party with a similar name.

Home visit

Several women visited a sick elderly lady in their church. After a while, they rose to leave and told her, "Well, don't worry, we will keep you in our prayers." The old woman replied: "Actually, if you would just wash up the dishes in my sink, I can do my own praying."

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Saturday 4th July 2026

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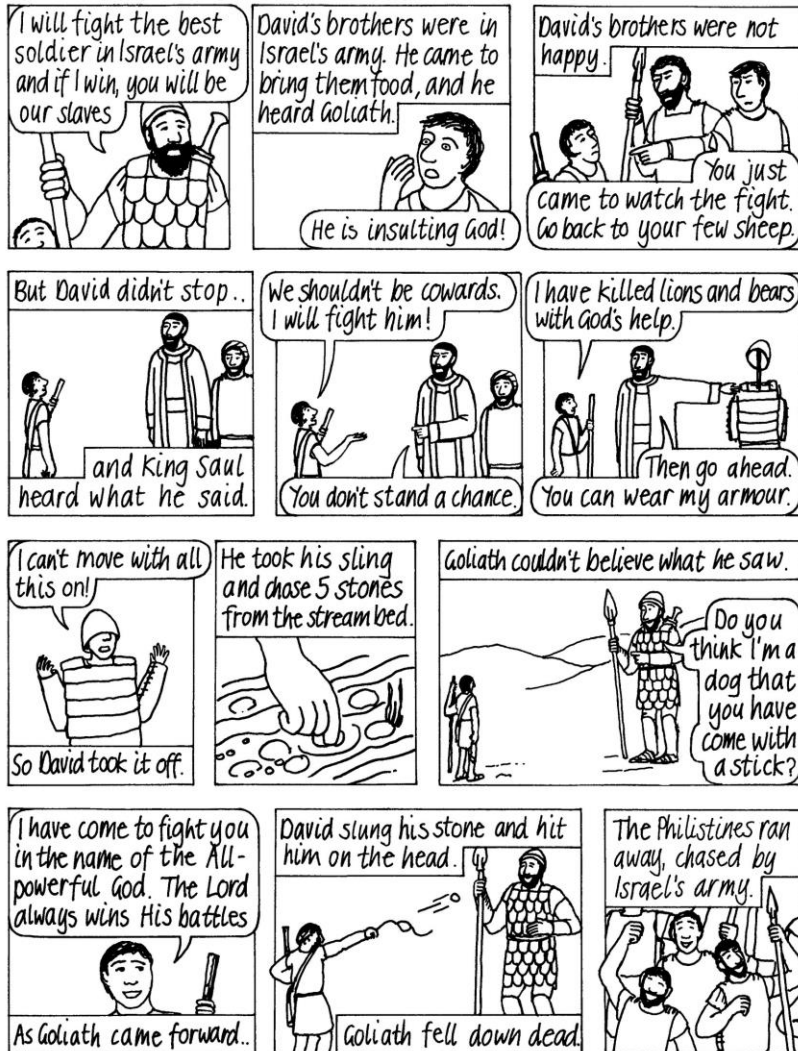
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..



KNITTER NATTER GROUP

On 11th & 18th May St George's Knitter Natterers met at the Scout Hut to teach the 4th Morpeth Scout Group how to knit. Their aim was to knit 100 angels for their 100th Anniversary. This is the thank you letter they received:

'Thank you for organising your knitters to spend the last two Monday nights with our scouts.

We are incredibly grateful to you all for giving so freely of your time, knitting skills, life stories, patience, humour and perseverance.

Without exception, across both weeks, our scouts were totally absorbed in the knitting and chatting. The low buzz of conversation, the looks on their faces, their focus and concentration are testament to their engagement and enjoyment.

Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive as they, like some of your knitters, had some reservations about scouts knitting.... our incredible young people proved us wrong!

Please pass on our thanks to all the knitters involved. We have thoroughly enjoyed the last two meetings and appreciate the effort which went into transport, knitting needles and patterns ... as well as the challenges of organising people.

Thanks again Joan and Knitters'

Ellen

4th Morpeth Scout Group
Charity number: 1070498
www.4thmorpeth.org.uk

St Georges Church hall (lift) NE61 1PD

Morpeth Country Dance Club

June 13th Saturday **Band 6.30**
July 11th & Sept 12th

Dancers 7.30

Play

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Dance

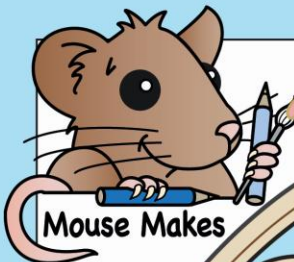
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Mouse Makes

“May the grace of the Lord
JESUS CHRIST and the
 love of **GOD** and the
 fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
 with you all.”
2 Corinthians 13:14



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At the **Morpeth Allstars** concert on Saturday 23rd May we are happy to have raised £380.00 for church funds. We were thrilled with the attendance and the audience participation. It was a fun afternoon of chatting and singing, so thank you all who attended.



Music at our Summer fete 15th August

Last year we enjoyed live music provided by several different groups of folk including some home grown contributions.

The music was mostly informal 'background' music while people bought things and enjoyed coffees and cake .

I hope to gather people to do something similar this year.

Please let me know if you would like to join in a group singing simple singalong songs/folky/old favourites/ hymns in unison with guitar or piano

accompaniments.. eg abba father/daisy daisy/ I am sailing.. - light hearted fun..music reading not needed!

We will need to find a couple of times for a quick practice ...to suit whoever would like to join in.

I will email the folk who have done things like this before.. but we always want to encourage more folk to have a go so .. dont be shy ..let me know if you might fancy this.

All you need is to be willing to have a go!

Anyone who would like to volunteer their music group to do a spot, or can persuade friends .. is also very welcome. We already have some volunteers lined up.

So .. are you free on the 15th and able to join in for half an hour ..let me know

shirley. shirlsgurc@gmail.com text 07749525269

For this event we are appealing for donations of small cakes, including tray bakes, scones and whole cakes for the cake stall to sell.

Also cakes, scones, sausage rolls, quiches, to be served with the lunches.

We are also appealing for Tombola prizes and childrens sweets for prizes.

If you havent been asked to help, please volunteer, We are a friendly team and our aim is to have fun while raising funds for St George;s.

Please contact Shirley – shirlsgurc@gmail.com

Thank you in advance.

Sudoku for June

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Silent prayers little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered. "Wasn't talking to you," said the small one firmly.

For the wicked

A little boy had been very naughty and as a punishment his mother told him he would go without his

favourite vegetable. He sat down for a meal, and his mother served, carrots, corn, – – and ? "It's no use waiting," said his mother, " I told you, no peas for the wicked."

Motoring holiday

Lost Husband: Where are we now?

Wife: Halfway between Paris and Marseilles, dear.

Husband: Don't bother me with details. What country are we in?

Going somewhere

Older people often go to another room to get something, and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is not a memory problem. It is God's way of helping older people get more exercise.

Moon

For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese. But then astronauts visited it, and they say that the moon is really a big hard rock. Well, that's what happens to cheese, when you leave it out.

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Christian Aid week may 10-16 What St Georges did!!



The other Morpeth churches continued their envelope deliveries to some streets, but we have seen a big fall in the number of envelopes returned over the last few

years. so- with their agreement - St George's tried something different this year!

In place of dropping envelopes through doors we tried running two events –

Keep fit for Christian Aid which raised £132

And a coffee morning which raised £450.80

Many people returned the envelopes collected from the church and put cash in the buckets

There is still time to give!

We will have envelopes in the vestibule until the end of May to catch folk who have been away this week. ... or have a go at giving with your bank card on Shirley and Laurences phone app!

So we don't yet have a final total but it is about £1000 and beats the amount we raised last year from street envelopes.

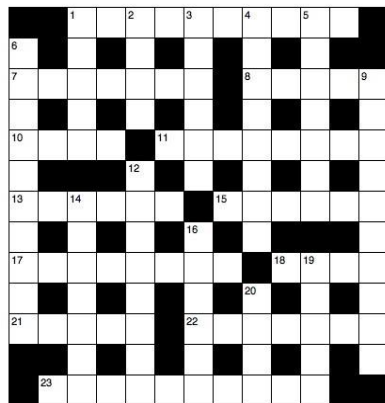
Our donations will help some of the poorest people in the world. Look up 'Christian Aid' on the internet for more info

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic support . **Shirley and Laurence**

Crossword for June

Across:

- 1** Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7) **8** The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5) **10** 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8) **13** 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6) **15** Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8) **18** Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4) **21** 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
22 Or I live (anag.)(7) **23** Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)
Down: **1** 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5) **2** 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4) **3** Mob ten (anag.) (6)
4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8) **5** Began (Luke 9:46) (7) **6** Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10) **9** Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) **12** Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8) **14** Aceturn(anag.)(7)
16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6) **19** 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5) **20** 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)



Solution on page

Boasting

Three boys in the schoolyard were bragging about their fathers. The first boy said, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem, they give him £50."

The second boy said, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a song, they give him £100."

The third boy said, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Wordsearch for June -

Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Mary - the virgin mother of Jesus. Her visit to Elizabeth, when both were pregnant, is a moving account of two humble, ordinary women, suddenly caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and acceptance of His will, shine through.

After Jesus is born, Mary makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her Son on the way home; when she urges Him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is dying on the cross. Mary's last appearance is in Acts, just before Pentecost.

Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a unique place in history. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. "All generations shall call me blessed..."

Mary Virgin Mother Elizabeth Pregnant Ordinary World History Great Event Family Jerusalem Wedding Cana Wine Beloved disciples Dying Cross Keeping Unique Place Centuries Church blessed

Solution on page 16



Solutions:

Crossword: ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers. **DOWN:** 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.



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Fathers Day – Sunday 21st June



Great Bavington United Reformed Church

Here is the news from Great Bavington,

Please note: There will be no service at Great Bavington on Sunday 7 June.

Sunday 21 June: service at 6.30pm, led by Rev Julian Sanders. Services are usually streamed on the Morpeth and Area URC YouTube channel, click on the Live tab. You can watch them live, or watch them later. <https://www.youtube.com/@morpethandareaurc8357>

Other news:

- The church continues to be a welcome refuge for walkers and other visitors, and there are many appreciative comments in the visitors' book.
- We had a very sociable Rogationtide Tea with folk from St George's and Widdrington.
- The Rowan tree blew down in April during Storm Dave, and Wark Forest Landscapes have done a good and speedy job to cut it up and chip it. Fortunately when the tree fell, it did not cause any damage. The tree was planted for the Queen's Silver Jubilee; Rowans do not live very long, so it was reaching the end of its natural life.
- Heritage Consolidation, the building company which carried out repairs following the last quinquennial survey, came in April to muck out the church roof space, which is home to Pipistrelle 45kHz and 55kHz, Natterer's, Noctule, Daubenton's and Brown long-eared bats. Work can only be done in the roof space in April and October, so as not to disturb hibernating bats in the winter or breeding bats in the summer. The bats produce so much poo that the roof space has to be cleaned out every two years.

Keep in touch

Keep an eye on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GreatBavingtonURC) for any changes to services, events, etc or email bavingtonchurch@gmail.com or ring 01830 540350.

Nicola Bell

WIDDRINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

PRAYING TOGETHER

If you would like to add any topics to next month's prayers, please let me know.

During May, please continue to pray for:

All war zones - especially those which have dropped out of the forefront of the news, but still continue

Peace negotiations, and that any peace agreements will hold.

Refugees

Those suffering religious or ethnic persecution, particularly our Christian brothers and sisters

Victims of genocide

Victims of natural disasters

The work of relief agencies

Health workers and workers in essential industries and services physical and mental problems, and the recently bereaved

Those in financial difficulties, and fuel poverty

The homeless

"Prayer, the Church's banquet, Angels age, , returning to his birth,

The soul in paradise, heart in pilgrimage,

The Christian plummet, sounding heav'n and earth" (George Herbert)

Seven days without prayer makes one weak

WIDDRINGTON CHURCH NEWS

I'd like to invite everybody to contribute information that they think might be of interest. Just give me the details *in writing* either on a piece of paper or by email to elliemist@gmail.com and I'll do the rest. (I'd still welcome articles though). The **Copy Date** for each magazine is the second last Sunday of the month before the next issue. If you miss the deadline your contribution may have to be held over to the next issue.

Flowers: Flowers for June by Fiona, and for July by Kathleen. Donations, either of cash or flowers/greenery always welcome.

Easy Fund Raising (Easy?) Do you shop online? Have you joined Easy Fund Raising yet? The chances are that your vendor will be part of Easy Fund Raising. Amazon and John Lewis are, for instance. This means that if you register for

Easy Fund Raising at easyfundraising.org.uk and select Widdrington United Reformed Church as your Good Cause 1 or 2 % of the purchase price of your item will come to us at no extra cost to yourself. This can range from a penny for a Kindle 99p short to several pounds for a major purchase. Please talk to Fiona about it soon (though you can easily register with no help from me, as all our members have discovered). We have raised over £800. We get a payout each quarter provided at least £15.00 has been raised. Latest payment in May was £56.70. Thank you for spending!

Fund raising: Early May Coffee Morning raised over £200. The pop-up Coffee Morning for Christian Aid raised £450 (£300 on the day, with some additional donations). Thank you for your generosity. Results for the Spring Bank Holiday Coffee Morning will be published next month: the copy date was before it took place.

Do you have an idea for fund raising? Whether a social event, or something else, please speak to the Elders about it.

Worship:

Preachers for June, along with duty rotas are in the table below.

You are invited to join us for coffee/tea and biscuits (sometimes cake!) after the service.

Social:

We are holding a pop-up Coffee Morning in Church (and possibly outside of it's fine but not too hot!) on Saturday June 20th.

Remember, if you have a good idea for a social event which you think people would enjoy, please talk to the Elders (or organise it yourself)

Regular events:

1st Wednesday: Coffee Club meets on the 1st Wednesday in the month at various coffee shops in the area, or in the Sunday School Room at 10.30am. June's event will hopefully be at the Courtyard in Pegswood. (Do you know a good local coffee shop which could cope with a sudden Influx of 12+ people and has easy access for our less mobile members? Please tell Ena Whinham about it.)

Prayer Group: 1st Friday at 10.30am. We gather at Cook's Hemmel, Causey Park. You are welcome to join us, or tell us any of your concerns for prayer. (If you are interested in joining us, please speak to one of the Elders, as we occasionally alter the date without notice.

Open Church: Open Church will continue, on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments, and the opportunity for quiet reflection in the church. Enquiries to the above email address. Any cancellation will be communicated to the WhatsApp group. Please note that there will be **NO** Open Church on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Apologies to anyone affected.

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, have you checked out our Facebook page yet? Search for Widdrington United Reformed Church. Please like us and tell me if you think I've missed anything that should be on. The page now has 186 likes, with another 8 people 'following' ! Any information we have about service arrangements and social events will be published there. Please note: Sean, our sheep, has his own Facebook page! Search for 'Sean'. Sean now has 24 (+2 following!) page 'likes' but he wants some more, so please tell your friends about him!

The **website** is at: www.widdringtonurc.org
I'd appreciate some help to improve it, as it's very wordy at the moment, partly because I'm happiest with words. I'm still looking for volunteers to be additional site editors. Someone with hardware that can post pictures would be good.

WhatsApp: A WhatsApp group has been set up. To join please give one of the Elders your mobile number, and accept your invitation. Please note: as I have now joined the group, information from me will increasingly appear there!

Churches Together in Widdrington and Ulgham

The community choir continues to meet in church, on alternate Thursdays at 6.30. Please note that we have adopted the name One Achord.

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June Rota

Sunday	Preacher	Vestry	Door/Offering
7th	Sue Rutherford	Fiona Middlemist	Kathleen Bailey Elizabeth Barber
14th	Rev'd Ron Forster	Diana Hogg	Fiona Middlemist Ruth Gordon
21st	Rev'd Julian Sanders	Kathleen Bailey	Diana Hogg Diane Cooke
27th	Worship Team	Fiona Middlemist	Audrey Grieves Susan Hampton

