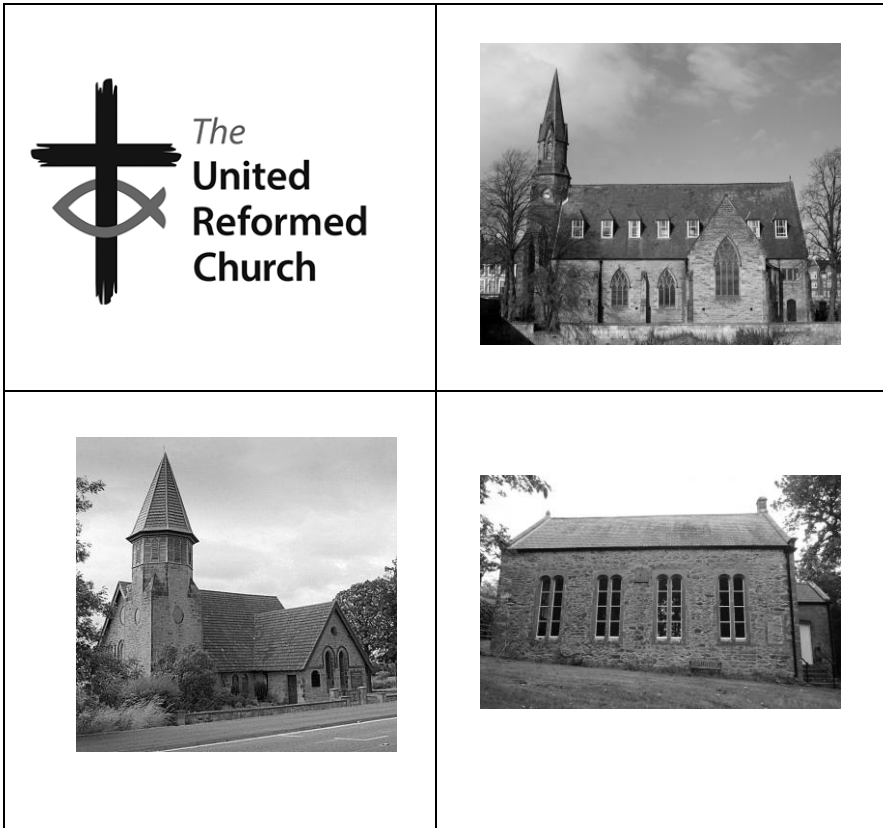


St George's, Widdrington & Great Bavington United Reformed Churches Newsletter



JULY & AUGUST

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Worship & Events in July at St George's United Reformed Church

July	12.30pm	WOW Midweek Service
Wed 2nd	7.00pm 6.30pm	Conversations about CT Prayer Meeting
Sat 5th	10.00am	Coffee Morning With our Ukranian Friends
Sun 6th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
Wed 9th	12.30pm 7.00pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations about CT Prayer Meeting
Sat 12th	7.30pm	Country Dance Club in the Hall
Sun 13th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wed 16th	12.30pm 7.00pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations About CT Prayer Meeting
Sun 20th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wed 23rd	12.30pm 7.00pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations about CT Prayer Meeting
Sun 27th	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship with Orchestra Evening Service

August Diary dates and Rotas are on the inside back page.

Stewards Rota for July

Sun 6 th July	Gillian Irvine and Christine Oakes
Sun 13 th July	Linda Glascott and Christine Oakes
Sun 20 th July	Susan Sanderson and Christine Hawkins
Sun 27 th July	Gordon Slack and Gillian Irvine

Flower Rota for July

July 6	Auld Family	Rep	Mary Kelly 829656
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20	Mary Kelly		
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Worship & Events in August at St George's United Reformed Church

August		
Sat 2nd	10.00am	Coffee Morning for Ukranian Friends
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion Joint with MMC at St George's
Wed 6th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Sat 9th	11.00am	Summer Fete – until 3.00pm
Sun 10th	10.00am	Morning Worship Joint with MMC at MMC
Wed 13th	12.30pm 7.00pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations About
Sun 17th	10.30am	Morning Worship Joint with MMC at St George's
Mon 18 th to Fri 22nd	10.00am to Noon	Holiday Club Event – Details to Follow
Wed 20th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Sun 24th	10.00am	Morning Worship Joint with MMC at MMC
Wed 27th	12.30pm 7.00pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations About
Sun 31st	10.30am	Morning Worship Joint with MMC at St George's

Stewards Rota for August

Sun 3rd August	Ken and Sally Davidson
Sun 10 th August	Morpeth Methodist Church
Sun 17 th August	Christine Hawkins and Christine Oliver
Sun 24 th August	Morpeth Methodist Church
Sun 31 st August	Madeline and Sarah Cleverley

Flower Rota for August

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10	MMC		Joan Cooper 515682
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24	MMC		
31	Jean Elliott		



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	
	St.George's Coffee Club: 2.00pm (3 rd Tues) Contact: Sarah Cleverley	515257
	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 Crafts & Chatter 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	513913
	Country Dance Club: (Varies from month to month) Contact: Shirley Forster	
SUN	Orchestra: Norm. 4 th Sunday Andrew Hamnett (not August) Christine Oakes	518485 518608

Coffee Mornings with our Ukranian 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.

A Message from our Minister Revd Julian Sanders

Dear Friends,

It has been nearly 50 years since the first Edition of THE GOOD NEWS BIBLE was released and, growing up, one of the things that set this apart for me from all the other Bibles was the illustrations used to accompany the text. I can remember sitting in church and enjoying the pictures long before I was able to make any sense of the mass of words that surrounded them. The illustrations are probably more widespread and more instantly recognisable than we might give credit for. With 500 illustrations in each bible and with more than 225 million copies sold worldwide – you would have thought the artist would be a household name. But for Annie Vallotton who produced all the illustrations, her name goes largely unrecognised. Annie was a Swiss and French artist and thanks to the number of copies sold could well be the best selling artist of all time. This may be surprising given that her previous book of 60 drawings covering the life of Jesus fell short of the publishers expectations. It is alleged that the book had such poor sales that the Parisian publisher dumped 3000 copies in the Seine river.

Her drawings in the Good News Bible though have a unique charm in their unassuming simplicity. Few characters have any facial features, and there is nothing to betray the character's ethnicity, so as we read the words it is very easy for us to see ourselves in the accompanying illustrations. Annie's aim was to "give maximum expression with a minimum of lines" and you only have to turn to Luke 23:46 to see how 8 lines drawn on a page can convey quite powerfully the complete desolation of Jesus on the cross.

Many in churches disregard the GOOD NEWS BIBLE because of its simplicity of language. It was intended largely for children and second-language readers which meant that cumbersome religious text was translated into simple everyday language. Today it remains an easily accessible way to read the Bible and enhanced all the more by the simple and beautiful drawings of Anny Vallotton.

Martin Luther, the great reformer, believed that everyone should have direct access to the word of God. So, he translated the biblical texts into his native language German to make his translation as understandable as possible. God's word in this way was released from the hands of the clergy and those in academic institutions, and made available for ordinary folk to read the Bible for themselves.

The Holy Spirit at Pentecost descends upon the disciples so that they too can make God's word understood. The Holy Spirit guided and taught them so that they could preach God's word so that those listening could understand it.

In this season of Pentecost we consider how we, like the disciples, share THE GOOD NEWS with those around us. We can perhaps take Annie Vallotton's illustrations as inspiration : the simplicity of her drawings and the minimal use of lines. There is much we can do, led by the Spirit, to convey in simple actions and few words the GOOD NEWS to those we meet. As I discovered, as that youngster in church, we ourselves can be illustrations that can convey the essence of the gospels to others long before they are ever able to make any sense of the mass of words that make up our scriptures.

With every blessing,

Julian



St Cuthbert's Church on Holy Island is revitalising their garden and want to create a new mosaic similar to this. They need tiles in order to do this and have asked for anyone with any spare tiles to get in touch.

Contact: St Cuthbert's Minister stcuthbertscentreminister@gmail.com>

Christian Aid week Money raised.

Christian Aid week was may 11-17th and St Georges took part along with the other Morpeth Churches in delivering envelopes to many homes and making collections in services and supporting the Sponsored Walk by Ron and Shirley and members St Georges, and of other churches

The total raised from envelope collections was £3,082.45 compared to £3,836.10 last year.

Givestar (Morpeth CA phone app) giving was £307.00 (£400)

The sponsored walk raised £1,356.36 of which £881 came in via Just Giving

Last year Gerrys (from St Robert's) sponsored walk raised £2,348 for a trek up Scottish Munroe's.

So this year our grand total rai was **£4,438.81**. (Last year the total was **£6,184.10**)

No gift aid amounts have been included in any of the above as we need to wait to find out that amount, but many people did gift aid their donations.

We want to want to say a huge thankyou to the st George's volunteers who went out posting envelopes and acted as letterboxes. Envelopes given out by one church's volunteers were posted into letter boxes offered by other churches, and the town centre church letterboxes so the results are genuinely a shared effort. Walkers and sponsors .. (and cups of tea on the way!) came from all the churches Morpeth Churches raised a lot of money between us for some of the world's poorest people, at a time when governments are doing less and less.

However, we note that less money has come in this year via the envelope system. One observation is that though fewer envelopes were returned the donations contained were often generous, not many buttons or ha'penny's! Perhaps they were envelopes from people who are already committed church goers. The Churches Together Christian Aid committee will be thinking hard about how to find other ways to raise money effectively, to reach the folk who are eager to support Christian Aid. We can't think of any other charities which still do' envelope collecting'; on-line methods are growing fast everywhere, However good old coffee mornings, sales and sponsorships work well in many areas which have stopped envelope deliveries. Ideas and suggestions and honest feedback are very welcome

We look forward to holding a street collection on September 6th and will be asking for helpers to rattle a can then. **The Christian Aid ceilidh in St George's with out SGURC band is on October 11th with raffle and bar to add to the usual dancing fun.** 7-9.30 accompanied children free. **Tickets /info from Shirley**
We are planning another toy sale and a lunch... dates will be advertised.
Please Google Christian Aid for lots of information about how the money from this week will be spent particularly to support long term projects run by local groups with very limited resources working to develop their quality of life, food, health, sanitation, education, selling their produce.

Shirley and Laurence

Morpeth Country Dance Club

Ceilidh

Next meetings
Second Saturdays

June 14
July 12

7.30 to 9.30

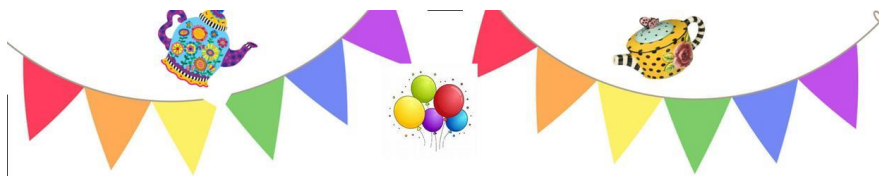
@ St George's Church Hall,
Morpeth NE61 1PD

£2.50 bring own drinks&nibbles

SGURC live band. new players welcome

- All dances explained
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- Just come along & have fun

find us on Facebook Shirlsgurc@gmail.com



St George's United Reformed
Church
Bridge Street, Morpeth



Summer Fete



Saturday 9th
August
11am—3pm

With Live Music

Light lunches, Refreshments

Books, Jigsaws,
Tombola, Plants,
Games,

And much more.

Free Entry

All proceeds are in aid of St George's
Church



Summer Fete

9th August 2025

11am – 3pm

For this event we are appealing for donations of:
Scones & whole cakes for the cake stall to sell also Cakes and scones, sausage rolls
and quiches to be served with the lunches.

We are also appealing for unwanted jewellery, Tombola prizes
and children's' sweets for prizes.

If you haven't 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, shirlsgur@gmail.com
Mary or Stephanie

Cure for the bite of a mad dog

This was gleaned from the Ulgham Chapelwardens accounts.

Take leaves of rue picked from the stalks and bruise six ounces; garlic picked from the stalks and bruised, Venice treacle, or mithridate, and scrapings of pewter, of each four ounces. Boil all these over a slow fire in two quarts of strong ale, till one pint is consumed; then keep it in bottles close stopped, and give of it nine spoonfulls to a man or woman, warm, for seven mornings together, fasting. This, if given within seven days of the biting of the dog, will prevent the hydrophobia. Apply some of the ingredients from which the liquor was strained to the bitten place.

This recipe was some years ago taken out of Calthrop Church, Lincolnshire, nearly the whole town being bitten by a mad dog, and all that took of this medicine did well, while all the rest died mad. In a PS it is added – many years' experience has proved that this is an effective cure.

Submitted by Janet Brown

Pat Hills would like to thank everyone from the church who visited her, sent cards or presents to mark her special birthday.

St George's Knitter Natter Group

Our summer term will finish on the 9th July; the last meeting will be a lunch.
Our Autumn term will start on 10th September.
Thankyou to everyone who has supported us during the year



Joan Cooper

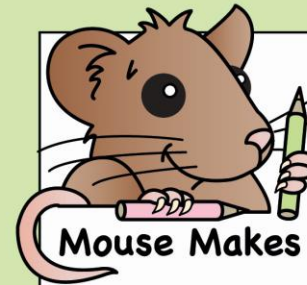
Wordsearch

If you ever struggle with doubt, take heart: so did one of the apostles, whose Feast Day is this month. St Thomas just could NOT believe that the Jesus he had seen crucified and dead on the cross could ever come back to life. But Thomas was an honest sceptic, because he really wanted to know the truth. Jesus could help such a man. And so He appeared to him and the other disciples. Instead of scolding him, Jesus simply showed him the wounds. Thomas's response was immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff). Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England are dedicated to him.

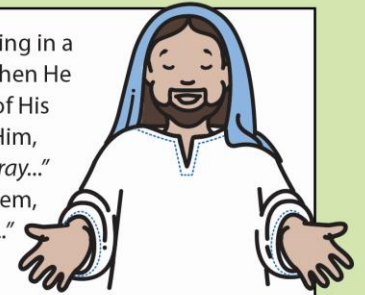
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Thomas Doubt Apostle Cross Dead Truth Sceptic Wounds Lord God Appeared India Patron Martyred Spear Mylapore Missionary Showed Saint madras

Solution on page 19



"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." And He said to them, "When you pray, say..."



Our _____
in _____,
hallowed be your
_____, your
_____ come,
your _____ be done,
on _____ as it is in
_____.

Give us today our daily
_____.
_____ us our
S _____ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into

but _____
us from _____.
For the kingdom,
the _____ and
the _____ are
yours now and forever.
Amen

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Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:
LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



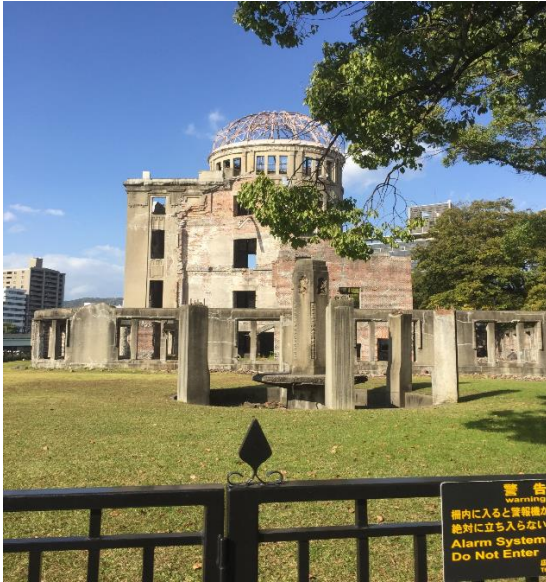
The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Which version do you use in your church?



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4



August 6th Hiroshima Day Memorial, 2025



Hiroshima Peace Memorial,

This year, August 6th, marks the 80th anniversary since an atomic weapon was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Each year in Morpeth a memorial gathering is held at 8am on August 6th in the Chantry Peace Garden. This year it

will be arranged by Morpeth Justice and Peace Group. The aim is to remember the 90,000 - 120,000 people killed on that day and over the next 2-4 months and to remind ourselves of the devastating effects of nuclear bombs so that it may never happen again.

Each year we distribute paper cranes at this gathering. I had

always understood that the crane was a symbol of peace but I now know that the paper crane plays a special part in the story of Hiroshima. The paper cranes are part of the story of Sadako Sasaki, a 2 year old girl, who was a victim of the atomic bombing at Hiroshima.



Though severely irradiated she survived another ten years. Before she died at the age of 12 from leukaemia, and while in hospital, she folded more than one thousand origami cranes using whatever bits of paper she could find in the hospital to complete her task.



Sadako knew of the tradition that if you can make one thousand cranes you can make a wish and this is what she did. Today visitors to the Hiroshima Memorial Garden leave their own cranes in booths set up to receive them and now there are many thousands left there. In Morpeth those of us who gather will leave paper cranes in our peace garden and then scatter white petals into the river in remembrance of those who died. Please come and join us if you can. Everyone is welcome.

There is a statue of Sadako Sasaki in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park holding a golden crane. At the foot of the statue is a plaque which reads:

'This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world'.

Pat Fuller, on behalf of Morpeth Justice and Peace Group

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

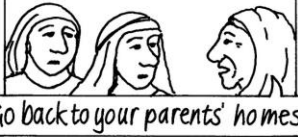
It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' because God has made my life bitter.



*'Naomi' means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived

Who's that girl?



That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

I worked in Boaz's field.



He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.



BRING BACK ANY MEMORIES?

Someone asked the other day, "What was your favourite 'Fast Food' when you were growing up?"

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him

'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'home' I explained.

Mum cooked every day and when dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put in front of me I was allowed to sit there until I liked it.

By this time, the lad was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the bit about how I had to have permission to leave the table...

So I thought to jot down some other things from my childhood

Some parents **NEVER** owned their own house, wore jeans, trackies or trainers, set foot on a Golf Course, travelled out of the country or had a Credit Card. My parents never drove me to school.. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds (Not sure what that is in Kilo's). It only had one speed (slow) no Sturmy-Archer.

We didn't have a television in our house till I was 10. It was of course, black and white, one station (BBC) showed the test card till 5pm for children's hour, showed test card again till 7pm, went off the air at 10pm, after playing the national anthem and epilogue;

Pizzas were not delivered to our home... but milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. We had to get up at 6AM every day on a Sunday we needed a home made trolley to carry all the supplements.

Typical Sunday lunch time every week in the late forties and early fifties it was all hands to the kitchen helping mam prepare the Sunday dinner. The radio was tuned into the light program all waiting for the signature tune "With a song in my Heart" for "Family Favourites" a two way request program for British forces and their families stationed in West Germany from 1945>

12.00 midday

"It's twelve O'clock in London and it's One O'clock in Cologne and it's time for "Two Way Family Favourites" with Jean Metcalfe in London and Cliff Michelmore in Cologne.

To be continued.....

Submitted by Mary Kelly

Recollections of a Superwoman (Editor's title)

A year ago, my best friend from church and school, Valerie Bothams, who some of you may remember, and I decided we needed to do something momentous to celebrate us turning 50. Initial suggestions involved spa days and city breaks but somehow we ended up signing up for a challenge far beyond anything either of us had ever completed before: a 70 mile run along the length of Hadrian's Wall, starting from Carlisle and ending at the iconic Millennium Bridge in Newcastle with a 26 hour cut off time.

The build up was intense; planning accommodation and transport at the start line and the kit list was long and heavy and checked at regular intervals along the route.

When the day came, the weather forecast was accurate and thunder storms set us off from Carlisle at 7a.m but didn't dampen our spirits. The camaraderie with other runners was so uplifting and we met so many incredible runners who were all inspirational in their own special ways. Many didn't finish, at least 80% were men but all were on the same mission as Val and I; to prove to ourselves that we could achieve something that we'd find challenging but rewarding and memorable in equal measures.

Along the route were special pit stops where family members and friends could meet us, it was so wonderful to see Piet and the kids and Mum at various points along the way, especially when they rocked up with dry socks and shoes and mum's infamous chocolate shortbread - their support got me through it. The route was beautiful but the final 7miles from Newburn to the finish line were so so tough, I felt sick and exhausted but Val kept on encouraging me to keep on jogging and we made it! 16hours and 11minutes, 323rd out of 1600 finishers and top 30 women and if you see me walking weirdly around Morpeth, now you know why! Val and I had the best time together and still managed to avoid our 1st argument in 46 years of friendship although when I suggest our next race is the 100mile route from Bamburgh to Edinburgh that may change!!

Julie Vermaas

People's Kitchen

The People's Kitchen are appealing for mens belts and trainers. If you can help, please leave your items in the cupboard in the vestibule. It would be very much appreciated, thank you.

Christine Richardson

Sudoku for July/August *Solution on page 19*

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Day trip?...

A north country choirmaster was rehearsing the hymns for Sunday, telling the choir the hymns they were to sing, and the tunes to which they were to sing them. He concluded the list and said, "Now then, 'Come ye that love the Lord', to Southport!" A moment later a voice called out, "Where are you tekking t'rest of us then?"

Church Notices that didn't quite 'make it'...

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, so it will be appreciated if parishioners cut the grass around their own graves.

Come in...The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles: "Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell', you come in."

Life choice...A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped:

"Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver."

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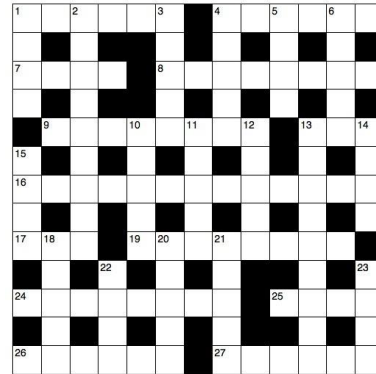
Crossword Clues

Across:

- 1** 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6) **4** 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6) **7** 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4) **8** See 5 Down
9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13) **17** 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3) **19** How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8) **24** 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3) **25** 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4) **26** Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6) **27** Eve hit (anag.) (6).

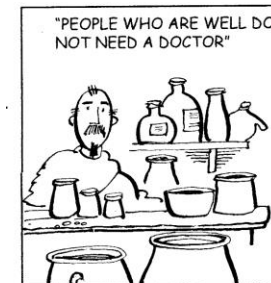
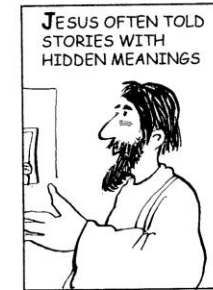
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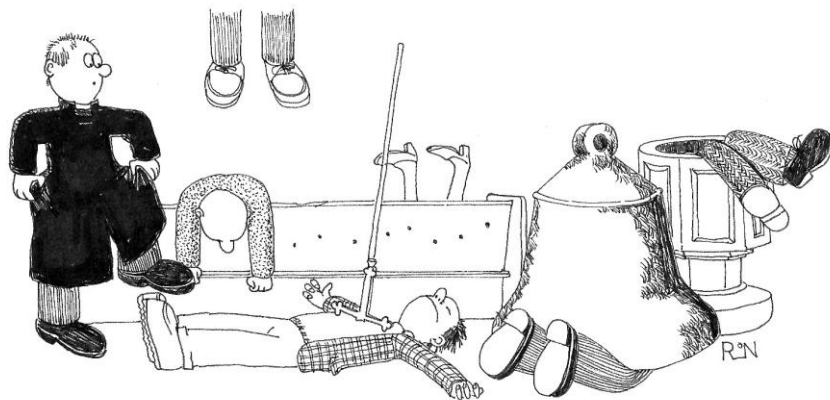
- 1** 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4) **2** Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9) **3** Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5) **4** 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8) **6** 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5) **10** Trout (anag.) (5) **11** Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5) **12** The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4) **15** Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5) **20** Precise (John 4:53) (5)
21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5) **22** Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)



Solution on page 19

The
doctor and
the
ill person



It was a normal Sunday Morning in Midsomer Parish Church

No worries...A 102-year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future. She replied: "Not since I got my eldest son into an old people's home."

Vatican...Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: "Oh, about half."

Open wide... A lady was very nervous about her appointment at the dentist. She sought courage from her Bible. The verse her finger landed on was Psalm 81:10: 'Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.'

What exactly is 'a lie'?...A little boy was asked in a school exam to explain what 'lying' is. He wrote: "A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, but a very present help in trouble."



"It's not a new stained-glass window – the Youth Club put its skateboard ramp too close to the church's west wall!"

Baptism...The vicar announced that an additional font would soon be placed in the church, so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

SOLUTIONS

Crossword:

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thief. **DOWN:** 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

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Preaching hazards...Showing your new parish that you are a forceful preacher may not always be a good idea, as the Revd Sydney Smith found out when he first arrived at All Saints Church in Foston in 1806. "When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation."

Vote carried...The vicar was ill in hospital and so the churchwarden went to visit. Trying to cheer him up, the churchwarden said: "We missed you at PCC last night. We even put forward a resolution to wish you a speedy recovery. It was passed by 14 votes to 12."

Getting ready...Two children watched their grandmother reading her Bible. "Why does she do that?" whispered one. "I expect she's studying for her final exams," came the reply.

Great Bavington United Reformed Church

Here is the news from Great Bavington:

Services

Sunday 6 July, Communion Service at 6.30pm.

Sunday 20 July, 6.30pm

Sunday 3 August, 6.30pm

Sunday 17 August, 6.30pm

History Night

Tuesday 22 July (the fourth Tuesday in the month), 7.00pm

Do bring along any local history information which you would like to share.

The church is open during the daytime for walkers and visitors.

Please see www.facebook.com/GreatBavingtonURC for updates and any changes to services, events, etc.



Summer Picnic Time is here.....

Widdrington United Reformed Church

PRAYING TOGETHER

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

During July and August please continue to pray for:

All war zones and any peace negotiations

Refugees

Those suffering religious or ethnic persecution

Victims of natural disasters

The work of relief agencies

Those suffering still from Covid19 throughout the world

Health workers and workers in essential industries and services

The sick, both with physical and mental problems, and the recently bereaved

Those in financial difficulties, and fuel poverty

The homeless

Pray also for:

Students waiting for results of degree, A level and GCSE examinations

Young people moving from school, college or university into work

"Prayer, the Churches banquet, Angels age,

God's breath in man, 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 July and August by Kathleen. We appreciate donations both of cash and garden flowers.

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 £600. We get a payout each quarter provided at least £15.00 has been raised.

Fund raising: The Late Spring Bank Holiday Coffee Morning raised around £180 and our first 'Pop-up Coffee Morning of the season raised £45. 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 July and August, 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:

Our first 'Pop-up ' Coffee Morning was held on Saturday 21st June. Unfortunately not many people came, but those who did had a good time. Further events are planned as follows: Pop-ups on : July 12th and 26th; August 16th; September 20th; October 18th. The October event will be in aid of Tear Fund (instead of doing the quiz). Scones and cake are served at these events. We ask you to 'give what you think' rather than making a set charge. If we get fine Saturdays in July and August We will have tables outside. Don't forget our usual August Bank Holiday Coffee Morning! The Seaside Supper is arranged at the Joiner's Arms, High Newton by the Sea on Saturday 15th August. Menus will be available soon. Diana will need your choices no later than a week in advance. Remember, if you have a good idea for a social event which you think people will enjoy, please suggest it 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. Our July venue is Circa in Amble, and in August we meet at Cook's Hemmel, Causey Park by kind invitation of Diana and Stephen Hogg. We have changed the day of meeting because several of the places we would like to try are closed on a Tuesday.

(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 the Elders about it.)

Prayer Group: 1st Friday at 10.00am (please note new time) 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. 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 Kathleen your mobile number, and accept your invitation.

Churches Together in Widdrington and Ulgham

The summer months are quiet for Churches Together. Our next meeting will be in September.

The Community Choir continues to meet monthly. In July we meet at our church on Thursday 24th at 6.30pm. No information on whether we will meet in August yet, as we plan meetings from month to month.

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July and August Rotas

Sunday	Preacher	Vestry	Door/Offering
July 6th	Worship Group	Kathleen Bailey	Diana Hogg Diane Cooke
13th	Rev'd Julian Sanders	Diana Hogg	Fiona Middlemist Ruth Gordon
20th	To be confirmed	Fiona Middlemist	Kathleen Bailey Elizabeth Barber
27th	Rev'd Julian Sanders	Kathleen Bailey	Diana Hogg Diane Cooke
August 3rd	Worship Group	Diana Hogg	Fiona Middlemist. Ruth Gordon
10th	Carol Dixon	Fiona Middlemist	Kathleen Bailey Audrey Grieves
18th	Clive Kemp	Kathleen Bailey	Diana Hogg Diane Cooke
24th	Rev'd Julian Sanders	Diana Hogg	Fiona Middlemist Ruth Gordon
31st	Worship Group	Fiona Middlemist	Kathleen Bailey Elizabeth Barber