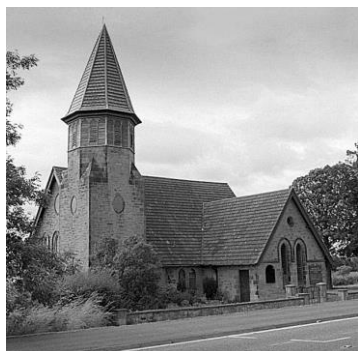


St George's, Widdrington & Great Bavington United Reformed Churches Newsletter



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St George's Diary Dates for November

Sat 1st	10.00am	Coffee Morning for Ukrainian Friends
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
Wed 5th	12.30pm 7.00pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations About
Sat 8th	7.30pm	Country Dance Club in the Hall
Sun 9th	10.30am	Morning Worship Group Remembrance Sunday
Wed 12th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Sat 15th	7.00pm	Tearfund Quiz Night in the Hall
Sun 16th	10.30am	Morning Worship -Commitment for Life Sunday
Wed 19th	12.30pm 7.00pm	WOW Midweek Service Conversations About
Sunday 23rd	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship with Orchestra Evening Service
Wed 26th	12.30pm 7.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Thurs 27th		Advent Course Commences BBC Nativity Video
Sat 29th	2.00pm	Annual Christmas Social
Sun 30th	10.30am	Morning Worship 1 st in Advent St Andrews Day. Annual Toy Service

Stewards Duties for November

2	Gordon Slack & Susan Sanderson
9	Christine Oakes & Karen Howe
16	Ken & Sally Davidson
23	Gillian Irvine & Christine Hawkins
30	Ron & Shirley Forster

Flower Rota

2	Maureen Sutherland
9	Gillian Irvine
16	Teresa B-House
23	Diane Vannan
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Rep	Linda Glascott 515582



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.

A Message from our Minister Revd Julian Sanders

Dear friends,

The world around us has turned from bright vibrant greens to gold, red and oranges. The ground is covered in crisp crackling leaves that have fallen silently to create a patchwork blanket on lawns and driveways. Autumn in all its quiet glory whispers a silent truth: "its good to let go".

Each leaf that falls is a gentle sermon. It speaks of seasons changing, of life moving forward, and of the courage it takes to release what once was. The trees do not resist the coming cold. They do not cling to their leaves in fear. Instead, they surrender—trusting that spring will come again. And it will.

We live in a world, held within a universe, which is ordered and reliable. Our journey around the sun determines the times of our year and seasons. Our orbit interweaving with the orbits of other created worlds. Each day the sun rises and sets with the assurance of rising the next day. This order and reliability bears the signature of God, its creator.

The rhythm of day and night, autumn and spring, is also reflected in our own spiritual journeys. There are times in our own lives when we, like the autumn trees, must let go—of old habits, past hurts, or even dreams that no longer serve the purpose God has set for us. It is not always easy. But in the surrender, there is peace. In the letting go, there is room for new growth.

Scripture reminds us of this truth in Ecclesiastes 3:1:

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

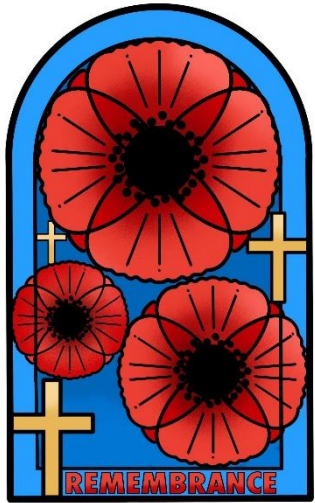
Just as the trees know when to release, so too must we learn to trust the timing of God. Age, ill health, changing economic conditions all mean that at times we are not able to do that which we used to do. One of the greatest lessons we have to learn is that it is OK. It is part of a natural cycle in the changing seasons of our lives.

So as you walk upon that patchwork blanket of orange and yellow, may you feel the invitation to reflect. What is God asking you to release this season? What might He be preparing to grow in its place?

May this autumn be not just a change in weather, but a transformation of our hearts too.

With every blessing,

Julian



In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud.

These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

DOMINO DRIVE

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Domino Drive, held on 27th September, a financial success and a great afternoon.

Particular thanks go out to Sarah and Andy Cleverley who played a major part in organising the event. Thanks also to those who donated cakes and scones and those who helped in any way. The total raised was £274.00.

Thank you, the Social Team – Mary, Steph



and Shirley



Leaf some green stuff in the garden...

The clocks have gone back, and we are putting our gardens to sleep for the winter. But this autumn, when you tidy up, do not tidy away too much. Many insects and wild creatures will be relying on some ground cover or hideaway to call 'home' for the winter. Several piles of twigs or pruning, left around your garden in discreet places, will provide a great winter 'snugs' for toads, grass snakes and other small garden inhabitants. 'Spent' seed heads provide cover and food for birds over the winter. Above all, before you light any bonfires on 5th November, take care there are no hibernating hedgehogs inside!

There is a chestnut tree which one sees as one enters or leaves St. George's church. It is outside the Chantry. It's beautiful all the year round but is gloriously covered in candles in the spring.

It was planted to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

I wonder if those who planted it thought that it would grow so big or for so long! When we were digging in the Chantry in the 1980s we found that some of the roots were beginning to grow through the foundations. The restoration included measures to prevent this happening.

Before the building was taken over by Waters and Robson, mineral water manufacturers, (remember them?) there was a tap in the outside wall near the Telford Bridge which was used by locals to carry water to their homes before piped water was brought to the houses.

Submitted by Janet Brown

Morning... There are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list. I have the bucket.



A Gentle Reminder About Church Communications

From time to time, materials such as posters or articles created on behalf of the church are shared with the wider community. These are wonderful opportunities to reflect our values and extend a warm invitation to others. Occasionally, however, wording may unintentionally give rise to misunderstandings or not fully convey the spirit we intend. If you're preparing content for public use in the name of the church — whether it's a flyer, article, or online post—please check with the minister or church secretary, who are always happy to offer guidance.

Great North Run

My grateful thanks to everyone who contributing to my fundraising for the Great North Run. With your help, I managed to raise £420 for Northumberland Wildlife Trust

Karin

"Reminder."

There is a spare set of keys for the main front glass doors on top of the box to the left of the doors. This is just in case the internal doors are locked you can always get out.

Patricia.



It is Angel time again and this is a very special year. It is our tenth year of Angels. Over the last nine years we have distributed over five thousand little knitted gifts of love in Morpeth and the surrounding area, some have gone much further I know. Rickards have kindly agreed to give them temporary accommodation again, so if it is easier to take them there, they will be well looked after till Christmas week. Looking forward to a bumper year of knitted love, thanks to you all.

Patricia Gatherum



The Lay Training Programme was the envy of the diocese

Hear, hear...A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



The boiler only worked if the Verger switched it on



"Goodness! is it time for Christmas Fair organising, carol service planning and nativity play rehearsals already?!"

Careful! There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. The lady thought for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments."

Bible knowledge...A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant. "It's easy, Daddy," the boy replied. "It means: 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Advance notice Christmas Coffee Morning 13th December

The Social Committee and Flower Committee will be holding a coffee morning in the church hall on Saturday 13th December. In previous years this was organised by George's Coffee Club and the Flower Committee but as the coffee club has now closed we are hoping that members of the congregation will continue to make this a successful and enjoyable morning.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

For several years, the Christmas Coffee morning has included a hamper raffle which has always been very popular. The items for the raffle were mainly provided by the members of the St George's Coffee Club.

I would be very grateful for donations of small non-perishable items for the hampers.

The hampers usually contain a mix of sweet and savoury items which can be tins, packets or bottles.

Any donations for the hampers can be given to me or left in the box in the cupboard in the vestibule.

Jams, Chutneys and Marmalade

Donations of homemade jams, chutneys and marmalade would be much appreciated.

These can be left in the box in the vestibule cupboard.

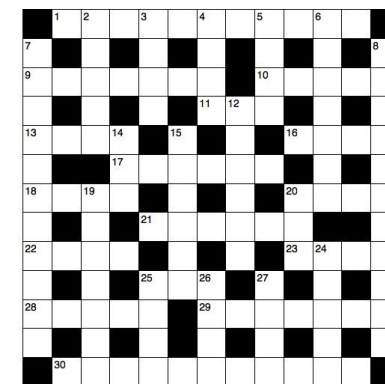
Further details in next month's Church magazine!

Sarah Cleverley

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Pat Hills.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



Crossword for November



Across: 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)

9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3) **10** Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5) **11** From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3) **13** One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4) **16** Metallic element (4) **17** At line (anag.) (6) **18**

'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4) **20** Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4) **21** He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6) **22**

'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4) **23** 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4) **25** 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3) **28** Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)

29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7) **30** Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11).

Down: 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5) **3** 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)

4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4) **5** He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)

6 I veto me (anag.) (7) **7** Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)

8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)

12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)

14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3) **15** 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6) **19** 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)

20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3) **24** Native of, say, Baghdad (5) **25** The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4) **26** Heroic tale (4)

27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

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Solution on page 15

Sudoku for November *Solution on page 15*

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Exam... In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student admitted that he had prayed for the assistance of God. The professor carefully studied the answer page and then replied, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

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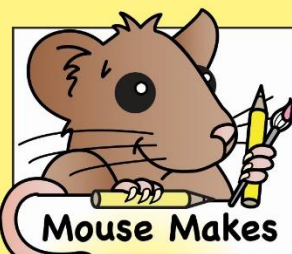


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Where there's smoke...


At our church, it was common for the minister to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon. He would often bring in a household item, and then relate it to a teaching from the Bible. One morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector. My young son immediately raised his hand. "It means Daddy's cooking dinner."


Somebody just threw a handful of Omega 3 tablets at me! It's okay, I only suffered super fish oil injuries.



Mouse Makes


LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November. ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.






JOY

Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



LOVE

Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?

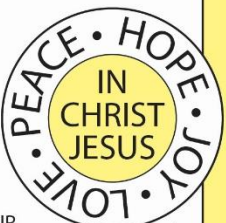


PEACE

Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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Wordsearch on St Andrew (Feast Day 30th November)

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

Andrew was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the prophet John the Baptist. When one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend, and described him as the

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'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

When Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. So they did, and the results of their response were life changing. For Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus, and soon the little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was formed. And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

*Andrew Patron Saint Scotland Fife First Disciple John Baptist Lamb
God followed Jesus Come See Peter Apostolic Band Message world*

Solution on page 15

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

Solutions:

ACROSS: 1. Bartholomew. 9. Evil one. 10. Adore. 11. Ran. 13. Oreb. 16. Zinc. 17. Entail. 18. Hung. 20. Lehi. 21. Joshua. 22. Pity. 23. Wide. 25. Age. 28. Alarm. 29. Partake. 30. Sennacherib.

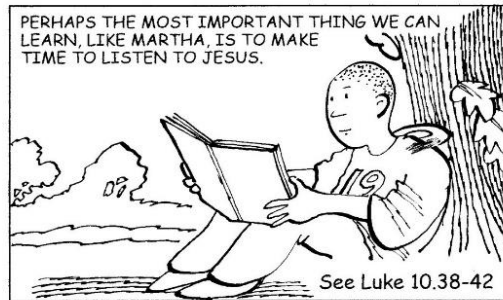
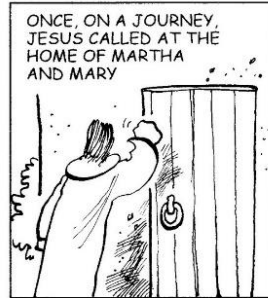
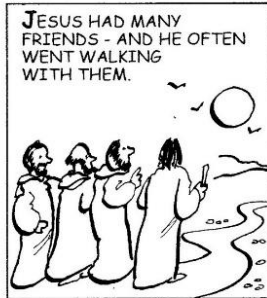
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A deeper problem... Young James started nursery and began bringing his drawings home. Each day his mother admired the pictures and hung them on the refrigerator. But one thing bothered her. James used only black and browns for his drawings. What did that mean? Fearing a problem, and not wanting it to get worse, she decided to take him to a child psychologist. The psychologist delicately went to work. He gave James a battery of psychological tests. Everything seemed perfectly normal. Yet every day, James continued to bring home drawings in only blacks and browns. Frustrated and fearful that something was terribly wrong, the child psychologist finally decided to give James some paper and a box of crayons and simply observe what happened. James opened the box of crayons and cried! "Oh, cool! A new box! At school we only have old boxes. The only crayons left in mine are black and brown!"

Words and Actions



Support people to speak truth to power



Donate now at church-poverty.org.uk/sunday/give



19th October
Church Action on Poverty Day.
Our service focused on the lives of people living in poverty in Sheffield and their hopes and dreams, and we had the opportunity to make donations



As we wrestle with our realities,
frustrated by policies
based on injustice,
disillusioned by decisions made by
greed, structures grown on
inequality,
We will not let you go before
you bless us.
Until we can say that we too
have struggled with God and
with humans and have overcome.
Our struggle is your struggle.
Let your dreams become our reality.
Revd Dr Urzula Glienecke

Great Bavington United Reformed Church

Here is the news from Great Bavington:

Services

From November to March, services will be at 2.30pm

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER.

Sunday 16 November, 2.30pm. Service led by Rev Julian Sanders

Film Night

Monday 10 November, 7.00pm for 7.15pm start

F1 (12A) A Formula One driver comes out of retirement to mentor and team up with a younger driver. Starring Brad Pitt, Damon Idris, Javier Bardem.

Refreshments provided. Donations welcome towards expenses. You may wish to bring a torch to light your way to and from the church.

History Night

Tuesday 25 November, 7.00pm

An informal evening where we meet together to talk about all sorts of aspects of local history, and eat cake (or at least open a packet of biscuits). Do bring along any local history related material if you would like to.

Bavington Parish Council meeting

Thursday 6 November, 7.00pm

For further information contact the Clerk, Claire

Miller: clairemillerparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk

The church is open

The church is usually open during the daytimes for walkers and other visitors. It provides a valuable stopping place for walkers on St Oswald's Way.

To get in touch

Please check www.facebook.com/GreatBavingtonURC in case there are any changes to services, events etc. Or email bavingtonchurch@gmail.com or phone 01830 540350.

Widdrington United Reformed Church

PRAYING TOGETHER

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

During November, please continue to pray for:

All war zones and any peace negotiations - especially those that have dropped out of the news yet still continue.

That any peace agreements will hold.

Refugees

Those suffering religious or ethnic persecution

Victims of natural disasters

The work of relief agencies

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

"Prayer, the Church's 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 November by Kathleen, and December by Fiona - but watch out for details of the Tree and Christmas Flowers next month.

Nicola Bell

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. Latest payment in August was £47.81!

Fund raising: Coffee Club, which preceded the Church Meeting on October 1st raised £75.00.

The Harvest Collection for the Food Bank raised £110.00 as well as a generous amount of tinned goods.

The Tear Fund coffee morning raised at least £170 and was a very pleasant event. A huge thank you to our bakers.

Please note that the Christmas Gifts for the Salvation Army will be collected as usual on Advent Sunday which is November 30th. Gifts can be for children or adults, and please include wrapping paper but *don't wrap* the gifts. Alternatively a cash gift is welcome.

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 November, 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:

I'm afraid there is nothing apart from the regular events happening this month. However the Christmas Lunch at Warkworth House is on Saturday 6th December at 1.00pm. Menus will be available soon.

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. November's meeting will be at The Drift in Cresswell at 10.30am on November 5th

(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 (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. Please note: as I have now joined the group, information from me will increasingly appear there!

Churches Together in Widdrington and Ulgham

Rev'd Julian Sanders will be running an Advent Course on Friday afternoons at 2.00pm in our hall from November 28th. The theme will be The Nativity.

On December 6th our Methodist friends will host The Big Sing for Christian Aid in the Community Centre between 10am and 12noon. Please try to support this.

The Community Choir continues to meet. In November we are meeting on the 6th at Holy Trinity, and on the 20th at the URC. We will be taking part in The Big Sing, the Carol Service at St John's, Ulgham on 21st December at 5pm, and the Carol Service at the URC on Christmas Eve.

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November Rota

Sunday	Preacher	Vestry	Door/Offering
2nd	Annetta Read	Fiona Middlemist	Kathleen Bailey Elizabeth Barber
9th	Rev'd Julian Sanders	Kathleen Bailey	Diana Hogg Diane Cooke
16th	Rev'd Julian Sanders	Diana Hogg	Kathleen Bailey Audrey Grieves
23rd	Rev'd Sally Bateman	Fiona Middlemist	Diana Hogg Elizabeth Barber
30th	Worship Team	Kathleen Bailey	Fiona Middlemist Ruth Gordon

