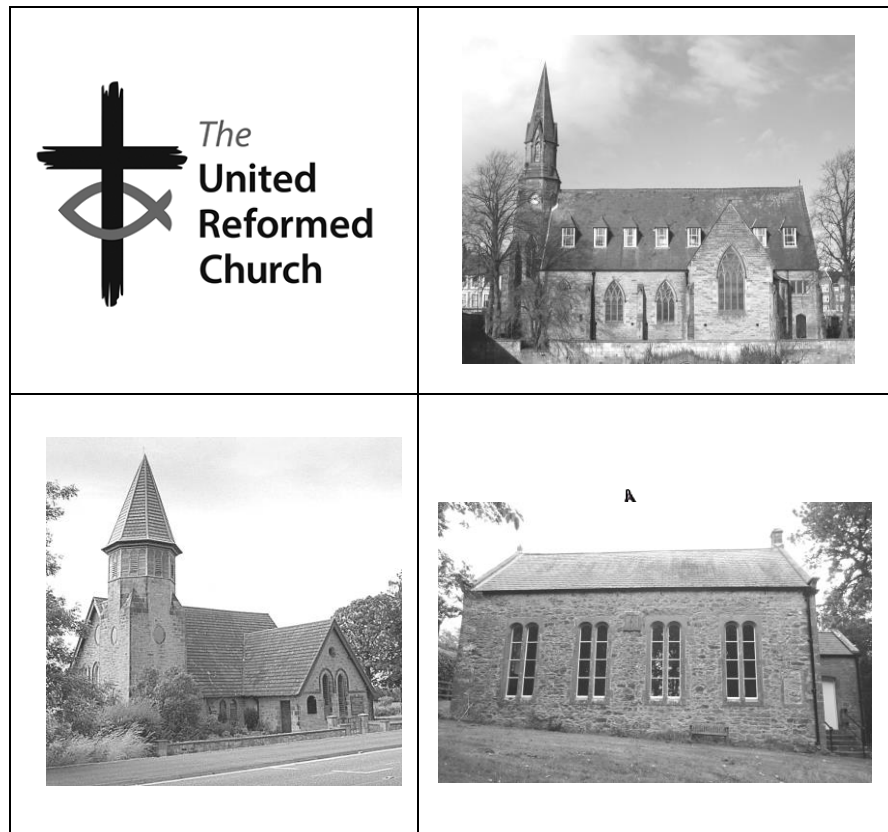


St George's, Widdrington & Great Bavington United Reformed Churches Newsletter



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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
	Yoga for All: 1.00-2.30pm Karen Bell bluevalleyyoga@talktalk.net	07713629477
	Age UK Exercise: 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 783434 Mobile 07714481089 liz.kelly@jcpce.com	
	Ladies Coffee Club: 2.00pm (3 rd Tues) nb: new start time Contact: Sarah Cleverley	515257
	Cobweb Orchestra 7.30 – 9.30pm In the Sanctuary 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: 10.30 – 12.30 Christine Richardson Country Dance Club: (Varies from month to month) Contact: Shirley Forster	513913
SUN	Orchestra: Norm. 4 th Sunday Andrew Hamnett 518485 (not August) Christine Oakes 518608	

A Message from our Minister, Revd Julian Saunders

Dear Friends,

William Shakespeare says "Prepare for mirth, for mirth becomes a feast" and that seems an open invitation to share three of my favourite food jokes:

What do you call a cow with two legs? (Lean beef!)
What do you call a cow with no legs? (Ground beef!)
If fruit comes from a fruit tree, where does chicken come from? (A poul-tree!)

At this time of year as we celebrate Harvest in our churches, it is a good opportunity to give thanks for all the food that has been provided for us to eat. As more and more in our society lose touch with where our food comes from and what is involved in the process, it is understandable that less people attend harvest festivals to give thanks for the provision of the food we eat. Nowadays we might expect just a few new visitors who might join the congregation for our Harvest celebrations and supermarket produce, such as baked beans and dried pasta, replacing the homegrown goods.

Our Harvest celebrations, along with many other Harvest traditions are slowly dying away as our society becomes more and more distanced from the processing and production of our food. Traditional crafts such as Corn Dollies for example are rarely seen in practice today. When the harvesting took place, the Corn Spirit was thought to be found within the last sheaf of corn, and there was often great reluctance to cut it. This cut corn from this last sheaf would then be decorated, or dressed, and carried in a procession to the farm where it would be displayed and preserved until the following year. This would preserve the Corn Spirit and ensure a good harvest in the year to come. You may remember making corn dollies, which involved fashioning the stalks into one of many shapes in which the Corn Spirit would be kept safe until the next year. And even up until the Second World War, boys in East Anglia would still wear twisted straw in their jackets at harvest time. A remnant of this tradition.

Though such belief and practices do not sit well with our own Christian

tradition – they are evidence of a once deeply rooted spiritual connection with the land and the provision of food, that seems to be lost in our pre-packed consumer society.

Our church Harvest Festivals are perhaps one way this spiritual connection with the land can be continued. Through the recognition of those who work the land, and through the changing of the seasons and the sun and rain, we really should appreciate and celebrate that *all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above and thank the Lord for all his love.*

With every blessing, **Julian**

2022 URC Prayer Handbook Jubilee: Freed to Live!

The 2022 Prayer Handbook will shortly be available.

The following description is from the URC bookshop website:-

"It is fifty years since the United Reformed Church came into being.

Recognising this significant milestone, 'Jubilee' is the theme for the 2022 URC Prayer Handbook.

"We have not seen the jubilee as a time for looking back, so much as an opportunity to look honestly, carefully and prayerfully at where we are and where we as the people of God are encountering God in everyday events," say editors Karen Campbell and the Revd Ian Fosten."

The cost for the Prayer Handbook will be £6.

If you would like a copy please let me know. **Sarah Cleverley 515257**

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'Keith and I would like to thank you all for the lovely cards and warm wishes on the occasion of our Golden wedding.

The beautiful rose bush which was given to us is now installed in the garden and we look forward to golden blooms next year too. What a lovely gift!

Warmest wishes from Morag and Keith'

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Refugees and Asylum Seekers October 2021

Immigration There is a lot in the press at the moment about Immigration and whether the country is being swamped by immigrants or whether the country is doing sufficient to support them. But do we always think about what it means to be a refugee or an asylum seeker?

What is a Refugee?

The United Nations Refugee Convention defines a refugee as someone who “*owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country*”. - Article 1, 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

What is an Asylum Seeker?

An asylum seeker is a person who has left their country of origin and has formally claimed asylum in another country, but has not yet received a decision on their case. Whilst individuals wait for a decision on whether they will be recognised as a refugee, they are known as an asylum seeker. People seeking asylum do not have the same rights as refugees or British Citizens.

Asylum seekers do not choose where they live. They are dispersed across the country and housed in asylum accommodation, often in homes of multiple occupancy. Whilst people are seeking asylum they cannot work. People cannot claim benefits; they live off **£5.66** a day.

These are the people that WERS and Justice and Peace work with on a daily basis. They are providing practical support, emotional support and advice.

WERS

As well as delivering their normal support services WERS has been busy engaging in campaigning activity to call for a fairer and kinder treatment of refugees. As promised last month here are the details for the Annual General Meeting which takes place on Monday 8th November from 6.30-8.00pm. Anyone can join on Zoom and it will provide more background information to the work they are undertaking.

Please register **in advance** for this meeting via the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMsduyqqTMsHNWITup0PknZMjgccC8dRq7->

Alternatively please email **info@wers.org.uk** for an electronic version of this link to be sent to you. **Justice and Peace** get queries from people about household items which J&P can or cannot use, so I thought it might be helpful to explain that they take clothing, footwear, especially trainers, backpacks, blankets and bedding sheets and covers. They are unable to accept duvets and pillows. They also find strong ‘bags for life’ and wheeled shopping carriers very useful to the project and its clients!

Margaret Brock

Junior Church Update

Despite not having official Junior Church sessions, our strong and fabulous group of kids have still been busy having pretty regular meetings over the past few weeks. Heidi, Molly, Noah, Daniel and Emily had several sessions in the church garden on Sunday mornings during the summer holidays, including a barbeque and sharing one special session with the Methodist Church junior church. The strong link we have forged with the Methodist church over lockdown zoom meetings is something that we all hope to continue. Every other month, St George's will host their children and vice versa. We were lucky enough for the 1st shared meeting at the Methodist Church to be held by none other than Ron Forster! Bonus! We are planning on regularly meeting them at the skate park (the kids, not Ron!) following our respective church services which the children seem very enthusiastic to attend. Barbara and I need to dust off our skateboards.

We are really, really looking forward to coming back into church with you all and resuming a touch of normality. I would like to take this opportunity to make a plea to anyone who feels they would like to join our small but strong band of Junior church leaders. If you would be willing to help out even once a month we would love to hear from you and we can explain in more detail what the role entails. Trust me, it is very rewarding.

Julie Vermaas

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

October's Lunchtime Concert will be on October 20th with a concert of familiar and much loved pieces performed by Jessica Graham (violin), Rachel Jeffers (flute) and Ken Irvine (piano)

As there will be fewer seats available we have needed to raise the cost of admission to £4 in order to cover artists' fees and other expenses.

There will be no special ticket prices or sponsorships for this series. As we are not sure what the demand will be you may, if you wish, book seats in advance by emailing kdirvine@sky.com or telephoning **01670 515870** giving your name, contact details and number of seats required. Please note this will only ensure that there is a seat for you, not which one it will be. Booked seats should be claimed by 12.15 on the day of the concert.

Doors will be open from noon and please ensure that you give yourself plenty of time to park as the large car park next to the church is no longer available to us. The church car park will be for artists and anyone with a disability. There is a new car park at the East end of Gas House Lane and Morrison's car park is within easy walking distance.

The wearing of face masks is no longer required although some may still wish to do so and we would request that you continue to sanitise your hands.

Tea and coffee will be served but in disposable cups.

November's concert will be on 17th and will profile the young, talented pupils of Jennifer and David Murray. David, one of the North's finest pianists, will be accompanying the musicians.

Gillian and Ken

A Date for your diaries.....

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH MUSICA JOHANNES FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER AT 7.00pm

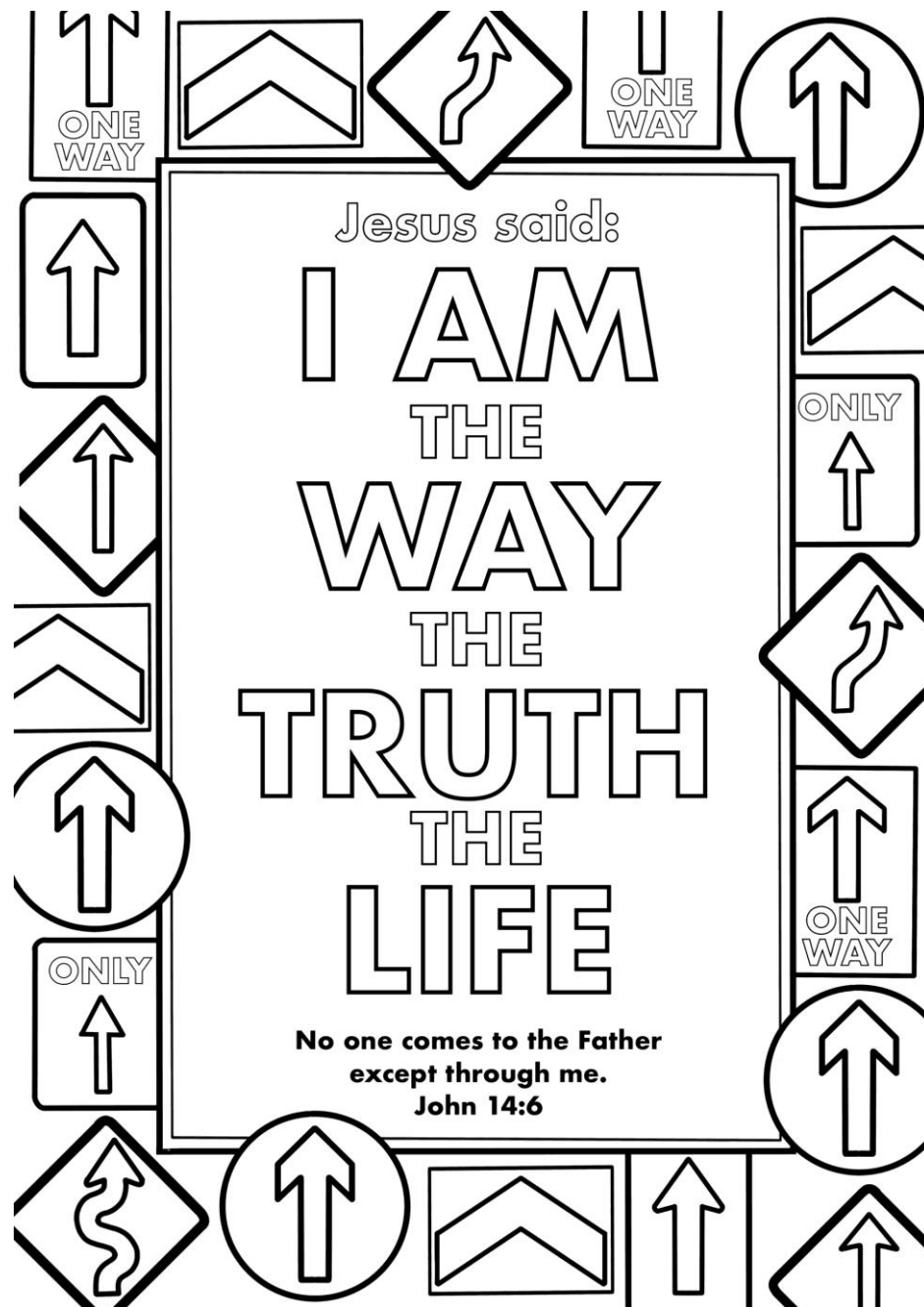
Including mulled wine or fruit juice with nibbles

Enjoy a delightful programme of Christmas music performed by this group of professional, talented singers and their accompanist on piano and organ.

Musica Johannes' previous visits to our church with their Remembrance Day Concert tribute have always been popular and well supported.

This will be a church fund raising event and tickets will be available nearer the time priced at £8. Prebooking available. Please put this date in your diary and let your friends and neighbours know about it.

Gillian Kdirvine@sky.com 01670 515870



Thank you so much for the incredibly generous donations for St Oswald's Hospice. We all really enjoyed our respective great north runs and thanks to you, we have raised over £500 for this great charity.

Julie Vermaas

Tuesday and Thursday Badminton

Badminton has now restarted on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. (Wednesday morning is also going under the guidance of Sarah Cleverley). The sessions run from 10:00am to 12:00 noon officially, but can be shorter depending on numbers present. At present, there are 7 members active with another due to start later this month. We work on the following principles

- Having enjoyment playing together
- Getting and keeping fit
- Having pleasant social contact

Annual membership cost is £10 and each session costs £2. The money is used to purchase equipment needed e.g. Shuttles. Any spare money is given to the Church to help towards running costs.

We would welcome more players, whatever their experience or ability. You can play any or all the 3 mornings. Attendance is free and easy, with only a request that if you know you cannot come to a session you usually attend, to let the organiser of that session know so that decisions can be made as to whether the session will go ahead or not.

If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact either myself or Sarah Cleverley. My contact details are

Allen Oakes,

Email: allen@oakesa.co.uk (preferred contact system)

Telephone: 01670-518608 (answer phone available)

Tea Time Talks are presently postponed. Jared had written a number of Talks but they are in his computer.

If there is anyone with ideas for a similar format please let us know.

Margaret and Christine Tel: 513913



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mark 6:17-28, Matthew 14:1-11

After Herod Antipator died, the Romans allowed his son Herod Antipas to rule Galilee and Peraea. He was hated by the Jews

<p>Herod Antipas divorced his wife and married his brother Herod-Philip's wife, Herodias.</p>	<p>John the Baptist told him he had broken Jewish law by marrying his brother's wife*.</p> <p>*Lev 18:19, 20:21. She was also his niece.</p>	<p>Herodias hated John and wanted him dead. Herod was afraid of John and wouldn't kill him but put him in prison.</p>
<p>Herod liked to listen to John.</p> <p>Finally, Herodias got her chance.</p>	<p>Herod had a big party for his birthday.</p> <p>(Birthday parties were a new trend from Greece.)</p>	<p>He invited everyone important in Galilee.</p>
<p>Herodias sent her daughter to dance for Herod and his guests.</p> <p>(No decent girl would do this.)</p>	<p>They were very entertained.</p>	<p>I will give you anything, even half my kingdom.</p> <p>(Which wasn't really his to give.)</p>
<p>Salome asked Herodias, then said</p> <p>I want John's head on a plate.</p>	<p>Oh, no! But I made a promise in front of everyone!</p>	<p>So John was killed* and Salome was given his head. She gave it to her mother.</p> <p>*illegal without a trial</p>

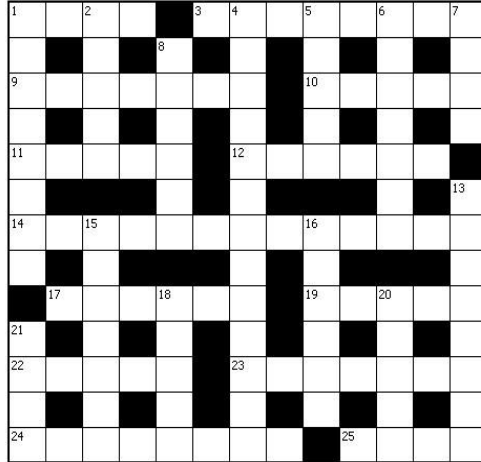
Table Tennis

We hope to start Table Tennis again on Sat 2nd October.
The new start time is 10.30 -12.30.
All are welcome. Contact Christine Richardson 513913

Crossword for October

Across: 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4) 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8) 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4) 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5) 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5) 12 Listen (anag.) (6) 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5) 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6) 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5) 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5) 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3) 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8) 25 Note (anag.) (4). **Down:** 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8) 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2) 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4) 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5) 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7) 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1) 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6) 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8) 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2) 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6) 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5) 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5) 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL BY DR. JARED JOHNSON (& CHARLES DICKENS)



“BAA HUMBUG!”

Joann is looking for volunteers to join us on stage,
no previous acting or singing experience required, and definitely
no memorising of words.

BOOKING CHURCH ROOMS

As the newly elected Church Lettings Officer, in order that people know when the church is occupied, please tell me about any booking of any room or the Hall or the Sanctuary.

After our 18 month absence all repeat bookings will have to start again and I will need to be told about them.

This also applies if you fancy a quick committee meeting some morning or afternoon when "nobody will be in" – somebody might be in.

Many thanks for your help

Andy Cleverley
Tel. 01670 515257
Email: xdc23@btinternet.com

St George's Ladies Coffee Club

The Ladies Coffee Club meet on the third Tuesday of each month, apart from December, from September to April. We usually have a speaker and have covered a wide variety of topics over the years. The most recent talks have included The Swinging Sixties, The People's Kitchen and Contact to name just a few. We have a Christmas lunch, in January and a Spring Lunch in May. New members and guests are always welcome to our meetings.

It was decided at our AGM that our meetings should start at 2.00pm instead of 3pm, so our next meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 19th October in the church rather than the Drysdale Room. We hope we will be able to serve tea or coffee.

For more information contact Sarah Cleverley, co-ordinator, on 515257 In keeping with St George's Church Covid advice please wear a mask when coming into the building, sanitise your hands on entry and do not come if you have any symptoms of Covid.

Sarah Cleverley



St James the Least of All

When the film makers come to church

The Rectory

St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

It has all been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed using our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to church to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week, then our brasses would be permanently gleaming, woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

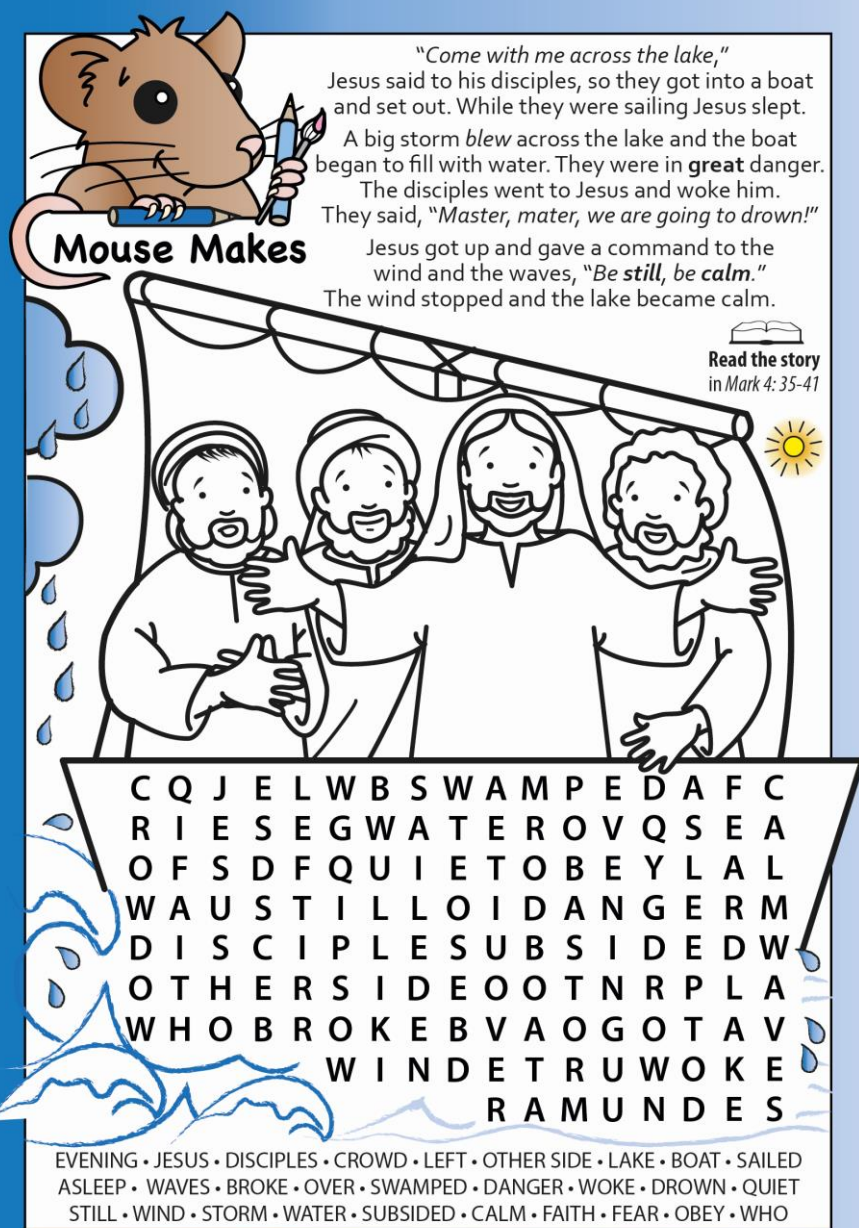
Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses, as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble of going round church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.

Lord Marchmont was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life. The issue of whether the outbreak of salmonella poisoning in the cast had anything to do with the catering caravan being liberally coated is to be settled in the courts.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project – which is about Elizabethan poverty.

Your loving uncle, *Eustace*



Plea to all Doctors

The Dr is a worthy gent,
His patients claim he's Heaven sent.
The man is knowing and erudite
But Holy cats! He just can't write.

The surgeon's hands are deft and skilled,
The surgeon's head is knowledge filled.
Yet why since he is so bright
Has he never learned to write?

Dear sons and daughters of Hippocrates,
Pray hear a troubled nurse's plea
Remember those dressed in white
Have got to read the stuff you write.

Your examinations and histories,
Like Dead Sea Scrolls, are mysteries.
Your prescription sheets make nurses squint,
So please dear medics write right or print!

Nurse Cecilia Hargrove.

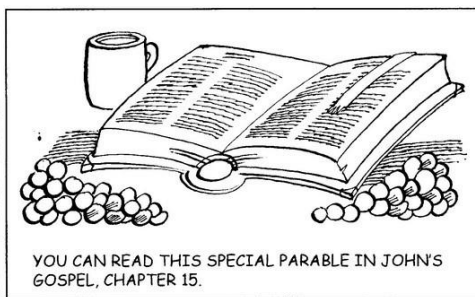
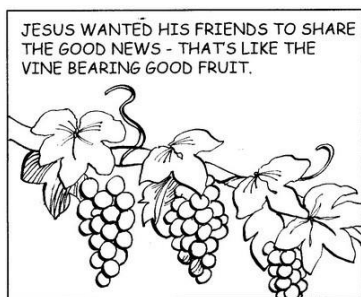
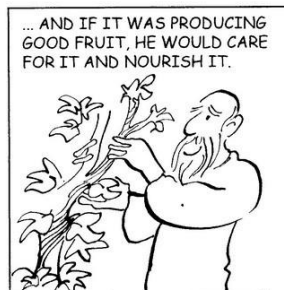
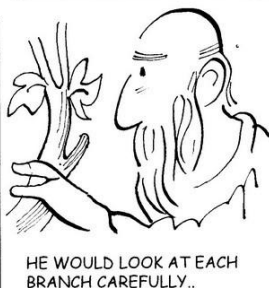
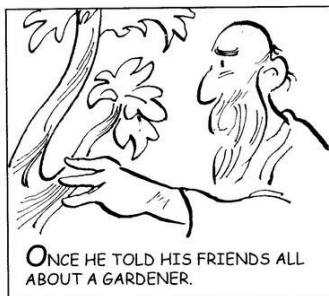
Submitted by Patricia Gatherum

PARAPROSDOKIANS...

(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
10. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted the pay cheques.

The gardener and the Vine



Octobers Sudoku....

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What the old monk found

A young monk was assigned to help other monks copy out the old canons and laws of the church by hand. On his very first day he noticed that all the monks were copying from copies, not from the original. So, the new monk pointed out that if someone had made even a small error in the first copy, that error would be continued in all the subsequent copies. The head monk said: "You make a good

point, my son.' So he went down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts were held in a locked vault that had not been opened for hundreds of years. Hours went by and nobody saw the old abbot.

Finally, the old monk returned, looking distraught. "We missed the **R** ! We missed the **R** ! We missed the **R** ! The word was... CELEB **R** ATE!"

What you need...

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?" There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"

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Great North Run

A big thank you to all those people who donated to my charity for the Great North Run. I completed the event successfully and, oddly, even managed to enjoy it! I raised in the region of 550 pounds (note - my computer is Chinese and doesn't have a pound sign!) for the National Trust. **Karin Jackson**

Knitter Natter Coffee group

We will be restarting our weekly meetings on Wednesday 8th September from 2.00 – 4.00pm
Please enter by the front door.

Joan Cooper



Wordsearch for October

HARVEST

October brings us Harvest Thanksgiving, when we thank God for all the bounty of Creation. If you ever doubt God's generosity towards us, just stroll down the aisles of your local supermarket: they are groaning with food of a vast variety, of every colour, texture and taste that you can imagine.

Our God is a hedonist when it comes to food - He could have provided just a few basic edible things for us to eat; instead, the choice seems endless.

But in the midst of all this bounty, take time to remember all the millions of people worldwide who are starving this month, desperate for any kind of food.

Before God in prayer, decide how much you can give this month to one of the many charities who are trying to help people in need, and be generous.

October Harvest Thanksgiving Bounty God creation generosity supermarket food vast variety edible choice endless millions starving

Pray give charities eat help desperate

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With Lisa O

Lisa is bringing face-to-face Zumba classes back!

Zumba Fitness™ plays a positive role in many lives. It is a fitness program enjoyed by 15 million people. All abilities, ages, genders, non-binary and identities outside of gender binary are welcome. Lisa confirms, 'classes are perfect for everybody and EVERY body'.

As well as obvious health benefits, classes benefit mindfulness, flexibility, balance, and social skills. It is important to me that everyone has fun and enjoys their experience in a safe environment. Let the Latin and World rhythms transport you around the world, immerse yourself and allow Zumba to help you to put everything else to one side so you can be the BEST YOU. I guarantee to bring high energy and fun to every class.

Classes are held in the upstairs hall here at St George's URC and if you would like to join in, just turn up before the start time. Please use the entrance by the car park and if you require an accessible entrance and lift, please contact Lisa in advance of your first class.

Lisa offers 2 styles of classes, but as with all Zumba classes you adapt moves to suit your style and individual preference.

High Intensity classes are each Wednesday at 6pm

Low Intensity classes start from the 7th Oct at 5.45pm.

Classes are 45minutes and are £4.00

If anyone would like to contact Lisa in advance, feel free to call/text on 07507 179 692 or email zumbawithlisao@hotmail.com

Other classes are held on a Tuesday 6pm via Zoom and Saturday 10am at Stobhill Community Centre.

Church bulletins and notices that didn't come out quite in the way intended!

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.

Harvest Supper Friday at 6pm. Prayer and medication to follow.

The Men's group will meet at 6pm. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, wine and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.

Jumble sale: The ladies of our church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Here is the news from Great Bavington United Reformed Church:

Services in October

Sunday 3 October, 6.30pm: Harvest and Communion

Sunday 17 October, 6.30pm

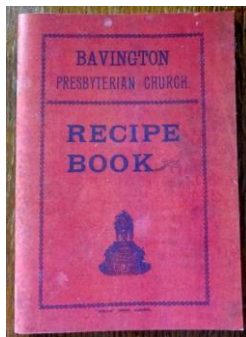
Bats

Ecologist Ruth Hadden of Ryal Ecology has carried out a survey of the bats living in the church roof space, which is required before any repairs are made to the roof as bats are a protected species. In September, Ruth led a Bat Evening for village residents and church members, to explain more about the different types of bat and their lifestyles. Using bat detectors, everyone could hear and identify the different types of bat, because each species uses a different sound frequency. The bats living here are Common and Soprano Pipistrelles, Natterer's, Noctule, Daubenton's and Brown Long-eared bats. Walking from the church and around the village, we could discover which species of bat were foraging in different habitats.

The repairs to the roof can only take place in October and April, so as not to disturb the bats which hibernate in the winter, or the maternity roost in the late spring and summer. The places where the bats go in and out of the roof space will be left open, and bat boxes will be installed on one of the trees in the church garden as an alternative roosting space for them.

Bavington Presbyterian Church Recipe Book

Facsimile copies of the recipe book, first published in 1925, have been reprinted. Each recipe has the name of the contributor and where they lived, so it is fascinating to see who was living where at the time - there are many familiar surnames. Some of the recipes are similar to those we make today and some (particularly for remedies) are somewhat different. Anyone for sugar in their tooth powder? Copies are available at £6.00 each plus p&p. Email bavingtonchurch@gmail.com or ring 01830 540350 to order. They would make great Christmas presents.



Recipe for TOOTH POWDER: 1lb precipitated chalk powder. 6 drops of attar of roses, 2oz fine sugar, 1oz carbonate of soda. Mix well together.

Mrs T. Henderson, Kirkwhelpington.

Widdrington United Reformed Church

PRAYING TOGETHER

During October please pray for:

People in war zones and refugees. The people of Afghanistan, especially women.

Those suffering religious persecution (of any faith)

Victims of natural disasters

Victims of crime

The work of relief agencies

Those suffering from Covid19 throughout the world, especially in countries where health services are less advanced. That vaccines may be fairly distributed.

Health workers, shop workers, delivery drivers, postmen and anyone else doing essential work at this time

Farmers and farm workers.

Researchers working on Covid19 vaccine and treatments and teams working to deliver the vaccines

Those who have still to receive the vaccine; vaccine delivery in third world countries.

Those whose mental health has suffered over the past year.

The homeless

Your neighbours

"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).

Perhaps you have some reflections on our situation which you'd like to share?

The **Copy Date** for each magazine is the Sunday prior to the 20th of the month before the next issue. If you miss the deadline your contribution may have to be held over to the next issue.

Would you prefer me to revert to separate tables for rotas and events calendar?

Flowers: Flowers for October and November by Kathleen. Harvest flowers for 10th October: we will meet at 2.00pm on Saturday 9th: come along if you want to help. Donations from your gardens (we can collect if you let us know) or of money or bought flowers would be appreciated.

Fund raising: The August Bank Holiday Coffee Morning raised £260.60 which is pretty good.

Easy Fund Raising (Easy?) Do you shop online? Have you joined Easy Fund Raising yet? If not, now would be a good time to get busy! 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. 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 £340 so far with just nine members.

Worship:

Please join us when you feel able. Wearing face covering is now voluntary. Continue if you feel you need to. You will still be asked to sanitize your hands on entry. We now take up the offering within the service. We will be serving coffee/tea after the service for those who feel able to partake. Don't worry if you don't feel able to stay yet. For those who don't feel able to return to church, St George's services will continue to be in YouTube later in the day. We have been invited to join with the Methodists at the Community Centre on 3rd October. The service is at 10.30am and Rev'd Lynda Coulthard will be conducting it. You are encouraged to attend. However, as we are reluctant to close the church on a Sunday, the Worship Team will be offering worship in our church, if you prefer to join us.

Preachers scheduled for October, along with those on duty are:

	Preachers.	Vestry.	Door and Offering
3rd	{Rev'd L. Coulthard @ Widdrington Methodist Church 10.30am} Worship Team: K. Bailey. E. Whinham. A Grieves		
10th	Rev'd Julian Sanders.	D. Hogg. F. Middlemist.	R Gordon
17th	Sue Rutherford.	L. Walden. K. Bailey.	J. Hart
24th	Worship Team.	F. Middlemist.	D Hogg M Scott
31st	Revd A. Shepherdson.	K. Bailey. E Whinham	A Grieves

Social

Wednesday 13th to Thursday 14th: We are hosting the COP pilgrimage from Poland to Glasgow: there will be a meal (vegetarian) at 6pm, at which there will be about 20 places available to church members. Please let Diana know if you want to attend.

There will be a concert of Northumbrian music provided by members of the St George's Band in the church from 7.00pm, at which all are welcome, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits, and ending with a short worship service. After breakfast there will be another short service before the pilgrims depart at 9.00am. Get ready for November: on November 5th our hot dogs and fireworks evening at Cook's Hemmel returns with a bang! Starts at 6.00pm (there'll be a bonfire too!)

Regular events:

1st Tuesday: Coffee Club meets on the 1st Tuesday in the month. October's venue is Starbucks in Alnwick, which I believe is at or near the Willowburn Industrial Estate.

1st Wednesday: Prayer Group: Prayer Group will continue to meet on first Wednesdays at Cook's Hemmel. We gather at 7.00pm.

Every **Thursday** the church will be open for Prayer, Refreshments and Fellowship from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We would love to see you. If you would be interested in joining the stewarding Rota (we need two people each week) please let me know.

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, have you checked out our Facebook page yet? Search for Widdrington United Reformed Church. Please like us and let me know if you think I've missed anything that should be on. The page now has 168 likes, with another 6 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.uk

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. We are now considering a relaunch - watch this space.

Churches Together in Widdrington and Ulgham

There will be an Advent Course later in the year, organised by Julian and Rev'd Lynda Coulthard. More details of this in the November magazine as well as arrangements for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January and the World Day of Prayer in March. The next planning meeting is in January.

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SOLUTIONS

Crossword: Across: 1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton. **Down:** 1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

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