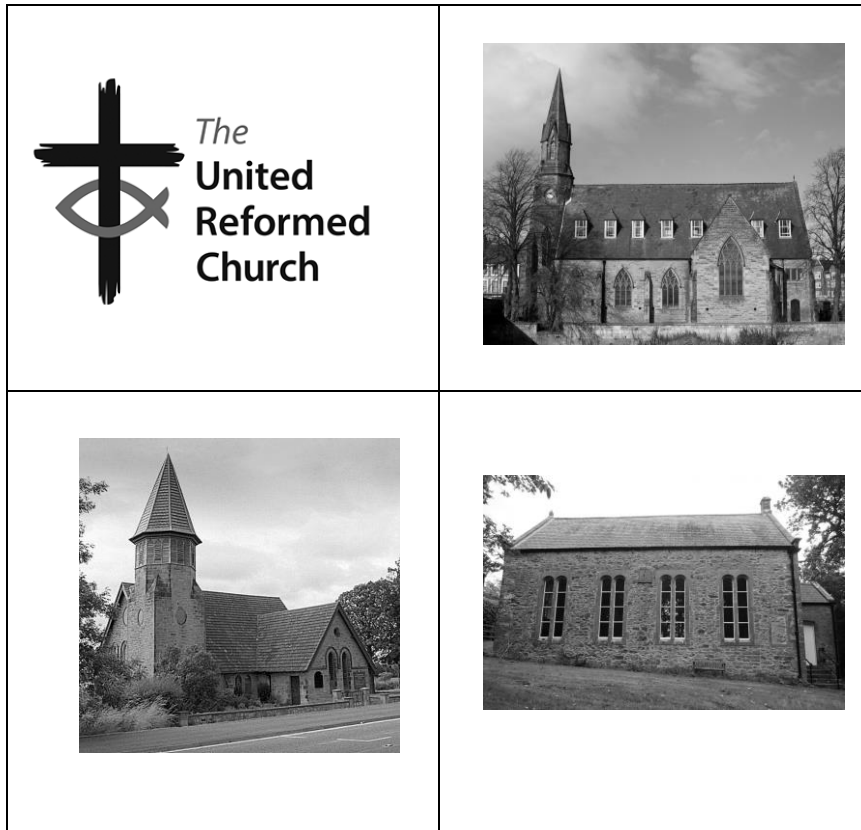


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Worship & Events in October at St George's United Reformed Church

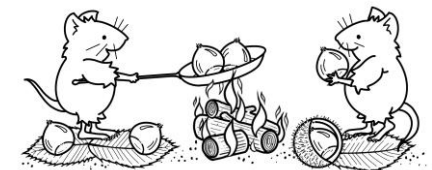
Sun 1st	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion
Mon 2nd	2.00pm	Elders meeting
Wed 4th	12.30pm 6.30-7.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Fri 6th	11.30am	Memorial Service for Ted LeGrice
Sun 8th	10.30am	Morning Worship jointly with MMC
Wed 11 th	12.30pm	WOW Midweek Service
Sat 14th	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee Morning & Annual Christmas Card Sale by local charities Christian Aid Ceilidh
Sun 15th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Tues 17th	2.00pm	Ladies Coffee Club in the Hall
Wed 18th	12.30pm 6.30-7.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Sun 22nd	10.00am 6.30pm	Morning Worship joint service at MMC Evening Service
Wed 25th	12.30pm	WOW Midweek Service
Fri 25th	7.30pm	Concert by Werca's Folk
Sun 29th	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Service

Steward's Duty Rota October 2023

1	Gillian Irvine & Gordon Slack
8	Christine Hawkins & Sarah Cleverley
15	Madeline Cleverley & Christine Oakes
22	Katherine Smailes & Karen Howe
29	Gillian Irvine & Christine Hawkins

Flower Rota for October

1	Vivien Bennett
8	Trish Wright
15	Margaret Butchart
22	Anne Bennett
29	Lyndon Jobson
Rep	Penny Oxley 514612



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 KEVI 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 Country Dance Club: (Varies from month to month) Contact: Shirley Forster	513913
SUN	Orchestra: Norm. 4 th Sunday Andrew Hamnett (not August) Christine Oakes	518485 518608

The next joint newsletter with Widdrington & Bavington URC's covers events in November 2023.

The deadline is Sunday 22nd October

Please do not wait for the deadline if you already have articles ready to be included. Please contact Stephanie. E-mail: robson-robson@hotmail.co.uk

Notes by the Way October 2023 by Revd Stuart Brock

I am fascinated by DIY programmes on the TV. Perhaps this interest stems from my own lack of ability in practical matters. My capacity to drill holes in a wall to put up a shelf is minimal. I find it hard to saw wood in a straight line while nails inevitably get bent as they get hammered in. So I watch programmes that show how it ought to be done or demonstrate the confidence of those who buy properties at auction believing they can renovate even the most rundown by doing most of the hard graft themselves.

Of all these shows I think the most inspiring is DIY SOS. The presenter, Nick Knowles, leads a team of professional workers to build or repair properties where things have gone wrong. But in addition to the professional trade's people, for special major projects, he sends out the message to the community that more help is urgently needed. Recently, two of these big projects featured places and people from the northeast. One was the refurbishment of a facility used by young people in east Newcastle with complex needs. The other involved an extended family in a small Northumbrian village. Help was needed to provide extensions to the family home to make it possible for the whole family to live together in the same house. Time was limited. The word was put out for more craftspeople to volunteer. Many came and offered their services. The project was completed. But the most telling thing was the looks of amazement on the faces of the family when they saw all that had been done. It brought tears to the eyes, as did the final gathering of the family with all the workers who had contributed- not just a handful but several dozen.

Some things leapt out at me as I thought of the programme. First was the generosity of those who had freely given of their time and talents to help their previously unknown neighbours. Second was the fact that the success depended on teamwork between all those involved in the project. No easy thing when the wider group had never worked together before. The third thing was the reinforcement of a positive view of the underlying spirit of kindness and generosity of people when real needs are made clear. We see and hear on our TVs and other media so many stories of how dreadful things are in our communities. The story of people joining in to help even complete strangers gives the lie to the negativity of so much that appears on the media and makes me ask – would the society in which we live be far happier if we had more positive programmes? There is so much bad news about that it makes us think nothing good ever happens. DIY SOS says otherwise. It is good news!

A Tribute to Chris Rowlands (1934 – 2023)

Chris was born in Manchester and when he was 5 the Second World War began, and a year later he was evacuated to Todmorden in the Pennines. He did National Service and decided to stay on serving in 1st Battalion (Queen's Company), Grenadier Guards. They say once a Grenadier, always a Grenadier, and he never lost his sense of duty, attention to detail and to correct dress, and his punctuality.

On finishing his service he moved back to Manchester. He got a job with his Uncle's construction and glazing company, went to night school to get his qualifications as a chartered surveyor, and made a successful career. He met Elizabeth whilst running a lunch errand for the company in 1961 and stopping by the bank in Oldham where she was a teller. They married & had two children, Clare and Philip. Chris faced many health problems during his forties and fifties, and Elizabeth cared for him devotedly.

Philip moved to Morpeth in 1989 & lived here for 6 years. When he went away on lengthy business trips Chris and Elizabeth used to house sit for him. They enjoyed Morpeth so much that a year after Philip left for the States they moved here, where they settled happily and made great friends in the church and the wider community. Philip settled in the States and married Joy, and they have two children Josh & Breazy. Sadly Clare died suddenly in 2009 aged only 37, leaving behind her children, Lauren and Callum, so Chris and Elizabeth spent some years travelling up and down the country helping to support them. The last three years of Elizabeth's life were definitely very difficult, but Chris was determined to care for her as long as he possibly could. Even when she was transferred to St Oswald's Chris visited daily. His sense of love and duty shone through. She died in September 2019. He never really got over losing her, but was enabled to continue living independently, as he was determined to do.

Chris' character traits highlighted above were well known to us all. He was always punctual and immaculately turned out. Serving with him as an elder I found it impossible to ever get to church before he did! We would agree a time and he would always be early, and always say "I've only just got here," but half of the jobs would have been done already. He was fastidious in undertaking his responsibilities and gave great attention to detail. Although it had been suggested to him he should ease up on his duties he was determined to keep going & adamant he would carry the heavy pulpit Bible into church.

Chris, a man who took duty & responsibility seriously; a man who committed himself wholeheartedly to his family & the life of the church.

Margaret Brock

Refugees Report for October 2023

At the moment there are very few days that go by without refugees being in the news for one reason or another. The Refugee Council asks "Can you imagine how frightening it must have felt to be one of the 39 people on board the Bibby Stockholm barge, as some of them started to fall ill?"

The Refugee Council says that "they've told us what it was like, the *"shock and fear"* they felt, as *"news spread about the presence of an epidemic on the ship. Some of us displayed symptoms of Legionella disease, but no one responded to us."*

The Refugee Council also says "People in the asylum system are usually very traumatised already. They've lost everything – they've been forced from their homes by war or persecution, and they've often lived through violence, torture, or the death of loved ones. How we treat people seeking safety matters. Hostile policies and inhumane conditions are not the answer."

West End Refugee Service

WERS has recently announced that it has won funding through the National Lottery Community Fund. This money will be used to boost the Activities & Connections Initiative which is intended to strengthen their community bonds. Before the summer holidays they had a session at Cramlington Learning Village where the students made welcoming messages for refugees & donated 15 bags of toiletries. There has also been gardening work on-going over the summer and in July some of them became eco explorers, going to Middleton North, where they weighed and monitored shrews, went pond dipping for damselflies & dragonflies, discovered moths & found intriguing artefacts. WERS was also supported in July by Vodafone UK who provided 300 free SIMs, packed with data and minutes, to help bridge the data divide, so that those who most need to be able to communicate are able to do so. Unfortunately WERS has not been able to restart the Drop In sessions yet, but are still aiming to do so.

Their particular needs at the moment are for baby toiletries, especially large nappies, shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, toothbrushes and deodorant. They have announced that their AGM will be on **19th October from 12 noon to 3pm** at One, Strawberry Lane, Newcastle, NE1 4BX.

Justice and Peace Project

J&P have given a brief example of the difference that their service can make to refugees and asylum seekers.

*"...this month we have witnessed first-hand the difference your generosity and our volunteers make to the lives of those who encounter the project. For example, two clients who have recently arrived in Newcastle after a torturous **5-year journey** from Darfur in Sudan, were clearly moved by the welcome and respect they received – things that were apparently sadly lacking during their travels through Libya, Malta, Italy and France. As they left the centre, having been greeted in their own language and received toiletries, food, clothing and a backpack, they had experienced the essence of our project – human kindness."*

They continue to see an increasing number of people using their services. Last month there were 24 new registrations, so our donations of food, toiletries and finance are very much in demand. Their particular needs at the moment are for toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gels, deodorants, shampoo, conditioners and washing powders as well as cooking oil, coffee and rice. They also report that they have recently seen an increase in clients with babies and small children at the project and these receive a warm welcome from their volunteers. There are several activities provided for the children, such as a sand pit, soft play area and toys. They say they are also able to give out nappies and some other baby items and to provide good quality second-hand clothing donated to the SVP to help support their clients with childcare.

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For anyone interested in learning more about refugees Ken Loach has directed another film, this time with Paul Laverty. It is called 'The Old Oak' and follows the story and friendship of pub landlord TJ Bannatyne and Syrian refugee Yara in a small mining town in Durham. There is a trailer on the WERS website. The film can be seen at the Tyneside Cinema from 29 September to 5 October (charges apply).

Margaret Brock



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We couldn't do it without you. Thank you once again for being a part of Team Macmillan.

With best wishes,

Victoria Wooding, Supporter Donations Team. Tel: 0300 1000 200.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

After much thought and consideration, the Friday Coffee Mornings and meeting with our Ukrainian friends have ceased.

All our friends are now working and are living in rented accommodation so have busy lives. They have however asked if we could hold a time together on the first Saturday of each month so they can catch up with each other and iron out any small problems.

So, we are arranging to hold Coffee Mornings for them to get together with us on the first Saturday of each month for the foreseeable future.

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 7th October at 10.00am.**

Past & present...As half-term ended, the English teacher returned to teaching with a sigh. He felt nostalgic. He found the past perfect and the present tense.

Prove it... The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

Wordsearch - St Luke

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son.



Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke physician companion house arrest Paul compassion parables Good Samaritan Prodigal Son women Virgin Birth poor lepers sacred profane Pagan early Christians Jerusalem Rome Solution on inside back page

Don't mention it!

As part of his annual talk to our local Town Council, our minister told some funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at the forthcoming Harvest Dinner at church, he asked the young reporter covering the event not to include them in his report.

Reading the newspaper on the following morning, he noticed that the well-meaning reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."

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At our last meeting, it was agreed to put a rubbish bin outside the church. This reminded me that in Aberdeen many years ago, there was a competition for an anti-rubbish slogan. The winner was "Pititabinin".

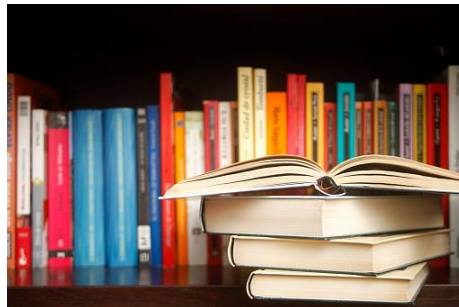
Submitted by Janet Brown

On Friday 6th October at 11.20am there will be a Memorial Service Ted LeGrice to all who knew are invited.
This will be followed by a buffet lunch in the hall upstairs.

The Annual Charity Coffee Morning on October 14th is one of St Georges many ways in which we support both local and national charities. Please come and enjoy a relaxed morning in a warm friendly space and bring your friends. There will be a huge selection of cards and gifts on sale. This has been a very difficult period for all charities and your help and support for the amazing work they accomplish will be greatly appreciated.

The Werca's Folk Concert on Friday October 27th at 7.30pm will be a fundraising event for our church. This is a group of local women singers who are nationally recognised and who perform traditional and contemporary music under the direction of a Sandra Kerr. Sandra is well known for her vocal work behind the voices and music for the television programme 'Bagpuss'. The group have also performed for Clare Balding on her BBC programme 'Ramblings' and have our own Janet Brown and Carla Grosch Miller as two of their members. There will be a raffle on that evening. Tickets are available now from Gillian, Chantry Tourist Information Centre and also from some of the Elders.

Gillian has also put out a plea for paper back books and jigsaws for the library. There has been a big uptake of borrowing recently and we require more books and jigsaws to cope with this.



Also required are used cards for Gillian's card making efforts.
These can all be left in the cupboard in the vestibule in a bag marked "for Gillian".

A message from Janet Brown: *I have just been to the Co-op and found that they are selling Hot Cross Buns?*

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Morpeth

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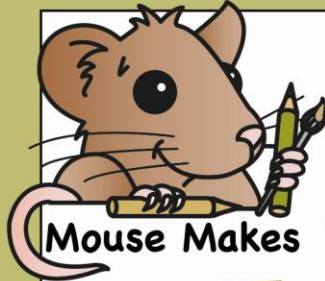
Tea, Coffee and biscuits available for a small donation at interval.

Heredity...Everyone believes in it, until their child does something really stupid.



Doris Holland celebrated her 100th birthday on 23rd July with friends and proudly showing her 'Telegram' from King Charles and Queen Camilla. Congratulations from all her Friends at St George's.





Mouse Makes

CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS

MANNA	HONEY
OIL	WINE
WATER	FISH
LOCUSTS	QUAIL
LOAVES	FLOUR

What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?
_____ and _____
Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?
_____ and _____
1 Kings 17:14

What food did the ravens feed Elijah?
_____ and _____
1 Kings 17:6

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?
_____ and _____
Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?
Five _____ and two _____
John 2:3 and 7 John 6:9

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU
MJWF PO CSFBE
BMPOF, CVU PO
FWFSZ XPSE UIBU
DPNFT GSPN UIF
NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

DID YOU KNOW?

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

READ Genesis 19 v15-26

Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

E	B	R	E	A	D	H	O	N	E	Y	Q	J	S	F
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OLIVES • CHEESE
FIGS • DATES
MUSTARD
RAISINS • WHEAT
SALT • GRAIN
FRUIT • GRAPES
VEGETABLES

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October Crossword

Across: 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)

4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)

7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 107:27) (4)

8 See 19 Across ; 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)

13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)

16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7) **17** Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3) **19 and 8** ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8) **24** Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8) **25** Comes between Luke and Acts (4) **26** Empower (Acts 4:29) (6) **27** 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6).

Down: 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4) **2** The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5) **4** 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5) **5** Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

10 Ruses (anag.) (5) **11** Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5) **12** Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5) **13** This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9) **14** 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4) **15** One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4) **18** Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)

20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5) **21** Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

22 Bats (anag.) (4) **23** 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

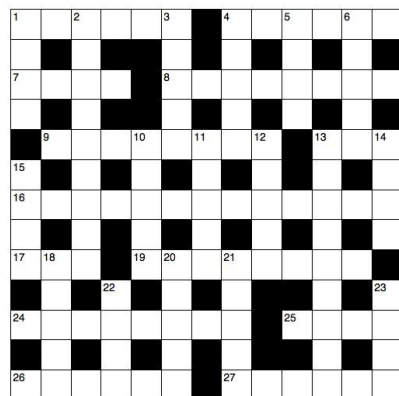
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Solution on last page

Apples...

Mother: "Martin, last night I put two apples in this cupboard and now there is only one. How do you explain that?"

Martin: "I expect it was so dark I couldn't see the other one."



Morpeth Cobweb Orchestra News



The Morpeth branch of Cobweb Orchestra meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm at its **new venue at KEVI** during term times. This is an experiment to see if more young people might avail themselves of the opportunity to join in and experience playing in a larger orchestra.

This term has seen a change with Robin Forbes taking over the role of our Morpeth group conductor after Laura Reavley our previous conductor was unable to carry on due to family commitments.

We are very fortunate that Robin was willing and able to take over this role.

Robin was head of music at KEVI School in Morpeth until his recent retirement.

Cobwebs are an open access Community Orchestra with groups over the north of England from York to Cumbria and Northumberland.

Many of St. George's Church Orchestra players have met and become friends through playing with the Cobweb Orchestra. They also have supported us in our socials and the ceilidh band.

For more information about The Cobweb Orchestra groups and events see the website or speak to **Christine Oakes, Shirley Forster or Penny Oxley.**

cobweborchestra.org.uk

More players always welcome! **Christine Oakes**

ST GEORGE'S AFTERNOON BOWLS CLUB

The 2023-24 Season began on 6th September

St George's Carpet Bowls Club is always looking for new members.

We enjoy friendly afternoons playing carpet bowls on Wednesday afternoons in the Church Hall from September until April, commencing at 2pm

Don't worry if you have never played before: instruction will be given.

If you are interested, please contact **Andy Cleverley on 01670 515257** or come



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Long wait...

We went away for a half-term break but found the service in the local restaurant abysmally slow. My husband was getting really irritated, so I tried to distract him with small talk. "You know," I said, "my friend Christine is getting her baby baptised." "Really?" my husband snapped. "It was even born when we walked in here."

Salt...

The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot's wife looked back at

Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Young James nodded with understanding. "My mum looked back once while she was driving," he observed, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Noise...

The wheel of my grocery cart was making a horrible scraping sound as I rolled it through the supermarket. Nevertheless, when I finished my shopping and saw a cartless woman, I offered it up, explaining, "It makes an awful complaining noise, but it works." "That's okay," she said cheerfully, taking it. "I have a husband at home like that."

Chicken and pig...

A chicken and a pig were walking by a church where a gala charity event was taking place. Getting caught up in the spirit of the fun, the chicken suggested to the pig that they each contribute to the

meal. "Let's offer them ham and eggs!" "Not so fast," said the pig. "For you, that's a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment."

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Venue: Church Hall
Supper: Mince pies and Mulled wine

Tickets available from Christine Oakes £8



If there is anyone interested in being on stage, contact me by email or mobile 07518916939, thanks, **Joann**

St George's Church Coffee Club



Tuesday 17th October in the church hall at 2pm

Helen Soady will be giving a
New Audio Visual Presentation.

All are welcome. There is a small charge of £3 which includes
tea or coffee and a biscuit.

For further information contact

Sarah Cleverley – 515257 or come along to the meeting

St George's United Reformed Church, Morpeth

Saturday 14th October
10.00 am to Noon

CHARITY CHRISTMAS **CARD SALE &** **COFFEE MORNING**

With home-baked fruit & cheese scones

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have already seen them, but they
are still worth rerunning every few
years. They are all true... thank
heavens for those church ladies
who type up church bulletins!*

Those Church Bulletin notes that didn't quite work as intended

~The Fasting & Prayer Conference
includes meals.

~The sermon this morning: 'Jesus
Walks on the Water.' The sermon
tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

~Remember in prayer the many
who are sick of our community.

~Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care
much about you.

~Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.



*The harvest produce was taken to the old
people's bungalows*



*Thanks to technology, replacing the worn-
out hymn books didn't cost a penny*

~Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass
this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to
the congregation.

~At the evening service tonight, the
sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come
early and listen to our choir practice.

~Eight new choir robes are currently
needed, due to the addition of several new
members and to the deterioration of some
older ones.

~The senior choir invites any member of
the congregation who enjoys sinning to
join the choir.

~Please join us as we show our support for
Amy and Alan in preparing for the girth of
their first child.

Great Bavington United Reformed Church

Here is the news from Great Bavington:

Services

Sunday 1 October: Communion service at 6.30pm. Revd Julian Sanders

Sunday 15 October: Joint Harvest Service at **St Aidan Thockrington** at 6.30pm.

Music by the Band from St George's URC Morpeth. Revd Sarah Lunn and Revd Julian Sanders.

Harvest Donations

Great Bavington URC supports the People's Kitchen at Harvest and Christmas. It is much more cost-effective for the People's Kitchen if individuals make their own donations directly to the People's Kitchen (rather than us taking a collection during Harvest and Christmas services) because the People's Kitchen can claim Gift Aid on the donation (if eligible) and they can use the cash to buy whatever they need most.

Donations can be made online here: <https://peopleskitchen.co.uk/donate/>

Or by text: text KITCHEN 5 or KITCHEN 10 to 70490, to donate £5 or £10

Or by cheque, made out to The People's Kitchen Ltd and sent to The Alison Centre, 56 Bath Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5SQ. Please ask them to send a Gift Aid form if your donation is eligible.

Film Night

Film Night will start again for the new season in October, and will be on the second Monday of each month until March:

Monday 9 October, 7.00pm for 7.15pm start.

If you would like to know in advance what the films will be, please email bavingtonchurch@gmail.com or ring 01830 540350.

Looking ahead to November:

From November to March, the services will be at 2.30pm

Sunday 5 November, service at 2.30pm, Revd Julian Sanders

Sunday 19 November, belated Remembrance service at 2.30pm, Revd Julian Sanders

Bavington Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 2 November at 7.00pm. Contact Claire Miller, the Parish Clerk: clairemillerparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

History Night

History Night is on the fourth Tuesday of alternate months, so the next one will be on Tuesday 28 November at 7.00pm. The current topic of investigation is the schools which have been at Great Bavington from the 1700s to 1947.

The church is open for visitors and walkers

The church is usually open every day for visitors and walkers. Come in and seek shelter from the sun or the rain, and find some physical and spiritual refreshment. You can refill your water bottle from the kitchen tap. There is a tuck box outside if you need a snack. And (a most important facility!) there is a loo too.

Other events and updates

Please see the church's Facebook

page www.facebook.com/GreatBavingtonURC for updates, or ring 01830 540350.

Revd Julian Sanders, the minister, can be contacted at sanders.julian@talk21.com or 01670 225539.



WIDDRINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

PRAYING TOGETHER

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

During October please pray for:

All war zones;

Refugees

The people of Afghanistan, especially women.

Those suffering religious or ethnic persecution

Victims of natural disasters

Victims of crime

The work of relief agencies

Those suffering still from Covid19 throughout the world.

Health workers and workers in essential industries and services

Medical researchers, especially those working on COVID 19 vaccines

Vaccine delivery in third world countries.

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

Those in financial difficulties, and fuel poverty

The homeless

"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

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 October and November by Kathleen. Donations of cash or garden flowers would be welcome. Harvest Festival is on October 8th.

Decorating the church from 2.00pm on Saturday 7th. If you have late flowers or decorative berries in your garden which you would like to donate they would be most welcome. Also fruit or vegetables. However, we mostly want gifts for the Food Bank: this could include cash.

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 £400 so far with just nine members. We get a payout each quarter provided at least £15.00 has been raised.

Fund raising: The August Bank Holiday Coffee Morning raised £210

Worship: Please feel free to wear a mask - or not - as you wish. Hand sanitisers continue to be available.

You are invited to join us for coffee/tea after the service.

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

Social: October's event is a Bingo afternoon in the hall. There will be a pooled tea and donations for hall expenses will be welcome. Saturday 14th in the Hall.

Regular events:

1st Tuesday: Coffee Club meets on the 1st Tuesday in the month at various coffee shops around the area. In October we hope to be meeting at Warkworth House, from 11.00am - we'll contact everyone if anything changes. In November we will be in the hall.

1st Wednesday: Prayer Group: We gather at Cook's Hemmel, Causey Park at 7.00pm. You are welcome to join us, or tell us any of your concerns for prayer. October's meeting will be one week late.

Church Meeting: The next church meeting will be on Thursday 2nd November at 2.00pm.

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 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.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.

Churches Together in Widdrington and Ulgham:

We discussed events for Christmas, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January and World Day of Prayer in March.

Christmas events: Saturday and Sunday 2nd & 3rd December is our Nativity Festival: this year it will be open on Saturday morning from 10-12 and on Sunday afternoon from 1-4.

Saturday 10th December: "Carathon" in Community Centre organised by Methodists. 10-12. 16th/17th December: Christmas Carol Festival at Holy Trinity. Open Saturday 10-4, Sunday 1-5. Kathleen and I have some ideas for our display but we'd like to hear from you if you are interested in helping. Details of Week of Prayer and World Day of Prayer later.

FEM

We are still collecting things!

- *Medicine blister packs for Cancer Research
- *Green plastic milk bottle tops to make wheelchairs
- *Basic toiletries for the Ukraine appeal
- *And don't forget the hamper for the food bank!
- *Crisp packets no longer required.

October Rotas

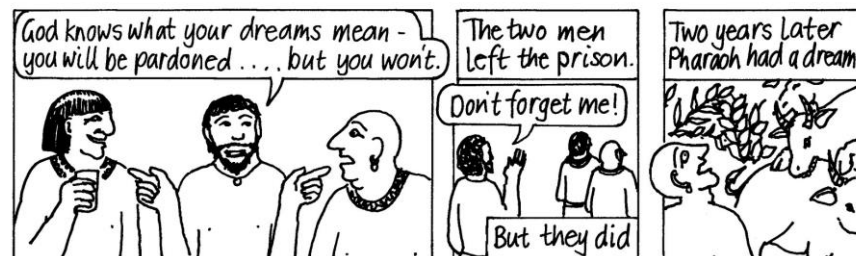
Sunday	Preacher	Vestry	Door/Offering
1st	Margery Tate	Diana Hogg	Audrey Grieves Fiona Middlemist
8th Harvest & Communion	Rev'd Julian Sanders	Kathleen Bailey	Fiona Middlemist Ruth Gordon
15th	Sue Rutherford	Fiona Middlemist	Kathleen Bailey Elizabeth Barber
22nd	Worship Team	Diana Hogg	Audrey Grieves Diana Hogg
29th	Worship Team	Kathleen Bailey	Diana Hogg Margaret Scott

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapters 39: 20-41:44

Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave and he had ended up in Egypt. Then he was wrongly accused and was sent to prison.



Solutions

CROSSWORD: ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market. **DOWN:** 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

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75 years ago, on 27th Oct 1948 that the Morris Minor car was launched at the British Motor Show at Earl's Court in London. It cost £358.

40 years ago, on 25th Oct 1983 that Microsoft Word 1.0 was released. It was the first version of the popular word processor, and Microsoft's first full-featured application.

October brings St Luke's day, and as St Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons, we thought you might enjoy these comments, allegedly taken from actual medical records, dictated by doctors.

From medical records....

~ On the second day, the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.

~ The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 2022.

~ She slipped on wet leaves in late September, and her legs went in separate directions.

~ The patient was released to the Outpatient department without dressing.

~ She is numb from the toes down.