

Order of Service

Please stand as the Bible is brought into church.

Opening Words.

Hymn: 492 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer.

Family Church time.

Bible Reading: Matthew Chapter 25 Verses 14 to 30 [NT p 37]

Hymn: 629 "Make me a channel of your peace"

Notices and Offering.

Children and Young people leave for their separate activities.

Act of Remembrance.

Hymn: "By a monument of marble words" **See opposite**

Sermon.

Hymn: 654 "We turn to you O God of every nation"

Prayers of Intercession.

Hymn: 705 "O God our help in ages past"

Blessing with Three-fold sung Amen.

Please remain standing until the Bible has been taken out of the Church.

A very warm welcome to all visitors to our church this morning. We thank our Minister, Revd Julian Sanders for leading our worship today. Thanks also to our Organist, Ken Irvine for the music, to Sue Rutherford for our flowers and to our Reader this morning.

Tea & Coffee will be served in the South Transept after Worship. All are welcome. Fairtrade goods are also on sale.

NOTICES

TONIGHT In Church Hall at 7.00 pm Rehearsal for Church Social.

Wednesday 13th November at 12.30 pm Lunchtime Concert by Valerie Reid (Mezzo-Soprano) from English National Opera and Elizabeth Browell, a local young Soprano trained by Valerie Reid, with Piano accompaniment by Robert Laws and Ken Irvine. Tickets £3.00 at the door with tea & coffee available from Noon.

Please note this change of programme from that previously advertised.

Christmas Appeal for The West End Refugee Service

We have received the following appeal from WERS :-

"The West End Refugee Service will be collecting donations to give to all the destitute asylum seekers they work with during the Festive Week, from 16th to 20th December. They would be enormously grateful for any of the following items for the 124 male clients that they are currently supporting:

Socks - Men's shampoo and shower gel – Toothbrushes and Toothpaste - Men's Deodorant and importantly – Chocolate bars.

WERS is also supporting 19 female destitute clients and so items could include - Women's shower gel, shampoo, deodorant and again, also, chocolate for them would be great.

WERS really need to receive any donations by the end of November so that they have time to sort all the gifts.

WERS also try to give destitute clients additional payments from the Hardship fund during the Christmas period, so if anyone would like to make any additional financial donations, please visit their Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/wers>

Thank you very much for all your support!

Please support this appeal if you feel able to do so.

Please leave any donations in the box in the Vestibule -if possible by Sunday 24th November so that they can be transported down to Newcastle before the end of the month.

With many thanks,
Margaret Brock.

Advance Notices for the 2019 Christmas Tree Festival

Notice from Gillian Irvine, Dorothy Luke & Vivien Bennett

This year's Multiple Sclerosis Research and Relief Fund Christmas Tree Festival is being held in the Church Sanctuary during the first week of December. The Church will be set up on Wednesday 4th Dec after the Lunchtime Concert and trees will then be received and erected on Thursday 5th Dec. On Friday 6th Dec the Charity will welcome Schools, Nurseries, and Community Groups and on the Friday Evening there will be a special Event, an opportunity to see the trees at their best, musical entertainment by The Mid-Northumberland Chorus, Emma Straughan (oboe) accompanied by Ken Irvine and, of course, an opportunity to contribute to the M.S.R & R Fund. Entry to this event is free. Wine and Mince Pies will be available for a donation.

The Church will then be open to the public on the Saturday 7th December throughout the day from 10.00 am until 5.00 pm after which time many of the exhibits will be removed. Some exhibits are being retained to enhance decoration of the Church for the Nativity (Joint with Morpeth Methodists) & the Community Carol Services on 15th & 16th December respectively.

Saturday morning 7th Dec. coincides with the Ladies Coffee Club Annual Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale of Christmas decorations etc. so it is an opportunity for a good morning out. Please support these combined events and bring along your friends and neighbours.

We shall require to Stewards to assist on Friday 6th & Sat 7th to welcome visitors to our Church and a rota will be put up in the Vestibule.

Notice from Vivien Bennett

Once again we are hosting the magical Christmas Tree Festival at St George's and will require stewards to meet and greet visitors in the vestibule. I shall put a rota sheet up in November and it would be wonderful to have all the one-hour slots filled! It's a very rewarding experience to hear folks' reaction after their visit! Thank you!

ALSO Wednesday 13th November at 7.00 pm Elders meet in the Drysdale Room.

Saturday 16th November at 7.30 pm Country Dance Club meets in Hall.

Sunday 17th November at 10.30 pm Morning Worship led by Revd. Suzanne Hamnett. Our Minister is leading Worship at Widdrington this morning.

AND In Church Hall at 7.00 pm Rehearsal for Church Social.

Tuesday 19th November at 3.00 pm in the Drysdale Room - Ladies Coffee Club meeting with Mary Kelly talking about the work of The People's Kitchen.

Wednesday 20th November at 12.30 pm Midweek Service in the South Transept. Tea & Coffee are available from Noon.

HYMN

By a monument of Marble

1 By a monument of marble,
or a simple wooden cross,
here we gather to remember
sacrifice and tragic loss.
Blood-red poppy petals flutter
each a symbol of a life
drifting in a crimson curtain,
shadow of our constant strife

3 For the sound of war still thunders
through our planet, on this day.
Every hour new victims suffer,
even as we meet and pray.
God, we need your help and guidance
in our constant search for peace.
Move us on to new solutions
as we pray that wars may cease.

2 Solemn silence now surrounds us
as we stand in memory.

Why must factions stir up conflict?

This eternal mystery
troubles hearts and stirs the conscience,
urges us to think again;
face the curse of confrontation
yet reduce the searing pain.