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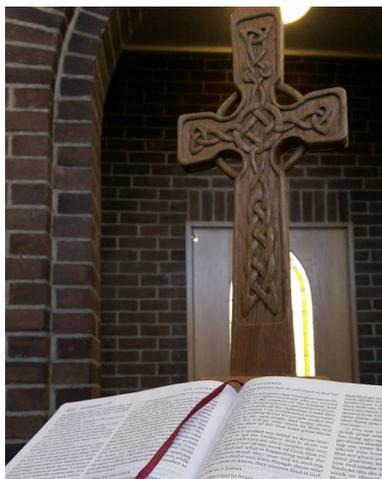
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We all have different seasons we like best. But after the long cold winter days, May is a welcoming time of the year marked especially with the May-time blossom. The blossom brings colour and light when many trees remain bare and budding leaves still tightly closed. The May blossom provides a canopy to walk under and to sit under. There is something special about the pink blossom, spring has arrived and provides a display of the wonders of creation. Bearing in mind the blossom doesn't last long there is a need to 'grab the moment' to enjoy and admire the wonderful display of the flowering trees. But have you ever looked closely at the blossom? Have you ever held a fallen flower head in the palm of your hand? Have you ever looked closely at the construction of the flower head? Soft petals surrounding the stamen, simply a work of art but aren't all flowers a work of art from snowdrops to daffodils, tulips to primroses to humble daisies and even dandelions?



If we really think about it all flowers are a work of art and the work of our Creator God. But there is so much more around us that reflects God's great creation: vegetation, insects and fish, birds and animals large and small and you and me. Each one of us a work of art, complex beings, each one of us different with different talents to offer.

A few more "humorous" book titles

*For: God made the earth; Water; Land; Vegetation;
Birds and animals; Fish...*

*In the beginning God made people; A man and a
woman*

*Made in God's likeness; People who could create;
People who could dream; People who could be loving;
People made like you God.*

This is an old story that we can read again and again, a story found in the Book of Genesis Chapters 1 and 2. This is a story that tells us of God creating the world that is one of the most challenging concepts in modern times. The story raises questions, questions that each generation ask. For this generation one of the most pressing questions is an answer to "What are we doing to protect God's amazing creation from environmental damage that could be irreversible?". Time, the environmentalists say, is running out to save planet Earth. And saving God's world from destruction by humans isn't only about saving further damage to the oceans and seas, ice-covered lands with fast melting glaciers but also about saving vegetation, animals, birds, the creatures in our seas and people. People in many lands are suffering through disregard for the environment. Polluted rivers, scarred lands and mountains of discarded waste are part of the landscape through the drive for profit-at-any-cost for those sitting comfortably in other places.

The protection of God's great creation is a pressing issue. As Christians in the Grace and love of God should we not take on the responsibility to protect God's world and all that is in it? Should we as followers of Christ 'grab the moment' to take a

Fifty Yards to the Outhouse
by Willy Makit; Foreword by Betty Wont

little time to look more closely at that delicate pink May time blossom and take greater care of the delicate works of art, flowers; vegetation; animals and insects; birds and fish; the seas and the oceans and each other, after all we are all part of God's wonderful creation?

In prayer:

God you created us to enjoy the earth, to love your world. Our salvation is bound up with all creation and we cannot be saved alone. We belong to the elements from which you created us. We need to love the world with the love you have for each piece of your creation; you ask us to see the world radiant with your presence, a world full of your glory. AMEN

Submitted by the Group 4 Hope Team



St Peter's Players

Hannay Stands Fast! By David Edgar

This hilarious, ripping yarn is based on the John Buchan novel "Mr. Standfast", a sequel to "The Thirty-Nine Steps".

It is being performed at the Crosskeys Community Hall, Elmwood Road, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd. Friday 24th & Saturday 25th May.

Tickets at £6 (pre-booked) from Sue Ames or Carole Mallett or £7 on the door.

I Like Weeding Gardens
by Manuel Labour

Friday 17th May

2.00pm

★★★★★
An exceptional
performance by
Emma Thompson

Screen

Friday
12th April

As her marriage crumbles, a judge must decide a case involving a teenage boy who is refusing on religious principles a blood transfusion which will save his life.

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THOMPSON

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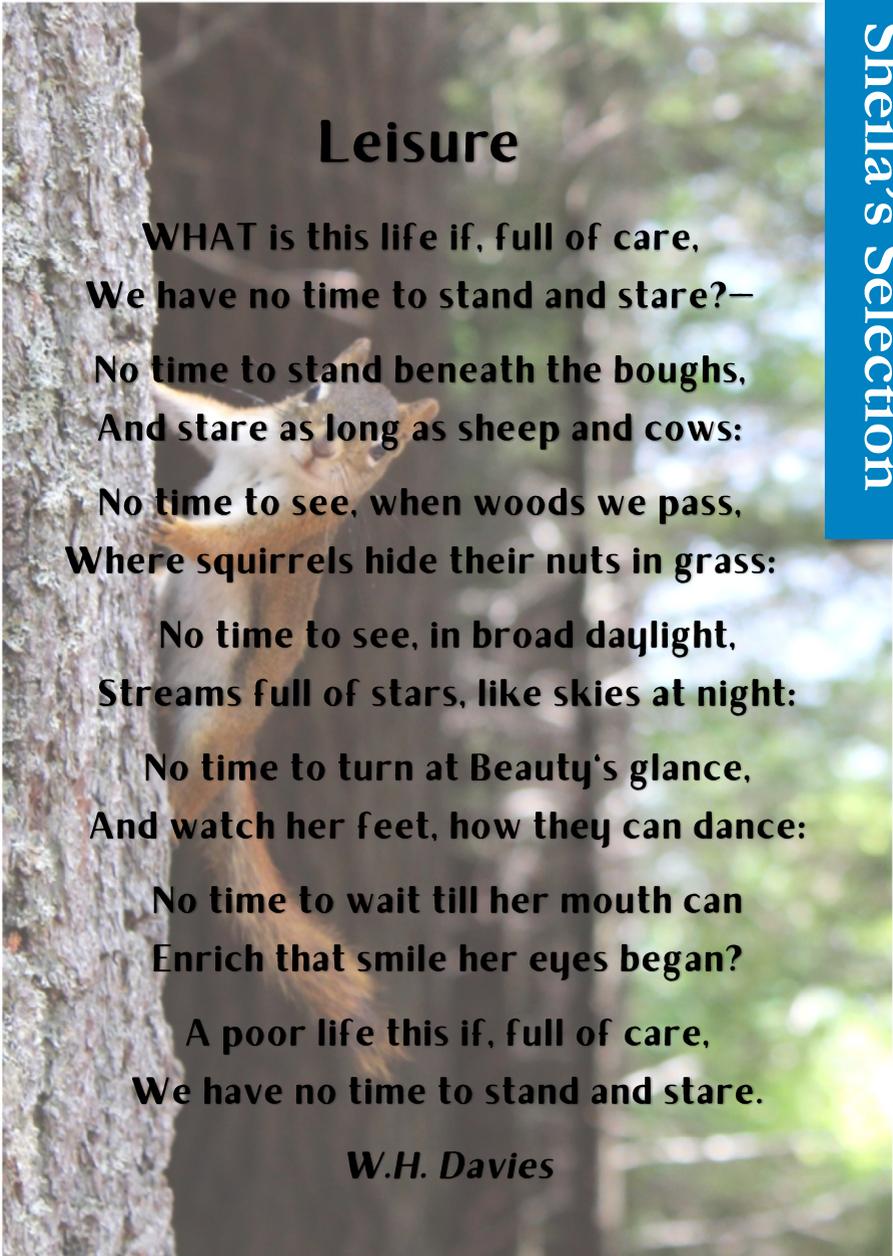
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The
Children Act

All profits from the Film Club are in aid of
church funds and charitable works.

Leisure

A photograph of a squirrel climbing a tree trunk, positioned on the left side of the page. The squirrel is facing right, with its front paws gripping the bark. The background is a blurred forest scene with green foliage and sunlight filtering through the trees.

**WHAT is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?—
No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and cows:
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.**

W.H. Davies

Songs from 'South Pacific'
by Sam and Janet Evening

58 Society 11th Meeting – Monday, 1st April 2019

End of Year Buffet Meal

This was a terrific event, attended by 38 members. The evening began with a wall picture quiz on our regional area, provided by Catriona. We had a second quiz, in between courses at the table, this time on general knowledge, organised by our chair person, Joan Yarrow.

We enjoyed a delicious and very varied two course meal provided by local caterer, 'Grapes'.

We were brilliantly entertained by our own, very talented Barbara Burgess, as Lady Mayoress, Councillor Mrs Bella Fudge!

The **2019 – 2020 season** of St Andrew's 58 Society starts on **Monday, 7th October 2019**. We have some more interesting speakers lined up for next year, if anyone is interested to join us. Details will be available in September. We hope to see you then. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us this year.

Celia Purves, Assistant Secretary

Thank you to all my friends for a lovely birthday
in April. I'm really grateful.

Dorothy Postle



I think daffodils are my favourite flowers. I love to see them in Spring, but I also like to have them on my kitchen windowsill at Christmas.

As I look through the windows I see a colourless garden, leafless trees, dark mornings, dark evenings and cold weather, but when I see the daffodils, it reminds me that things will change, things will get better.

But I have a problem – where do I get fresh daffodils in the middle of Winter? Supermarkets don't have them and neither do florists, but I have someone who will help me; he regards this as his annual mission.

Armed with a Marks and Spencer bag, because he won't be seen carrying flowers, he heads for town, targets the street traders in Northumberland Street or the Grainger Market, and I always have daffodils on my kitchen windowsill at Christmas.

During the following weeks they are replaced regularly with flowers from our own garden and this lasts about 3 months.

This period reminds me that this could relate to the 33 years of the life of Jesus.

From the celebration of his birth, through the wonderful stories we read of him in the Bible, the sad occasion of his crucifixion, to the joyous event of his resurrection.

This season is special for me

We have a time of new beginnings, the anticipation of Spring, the prelude to Easter, and I have my daffodils!

Presented at the Easter afternoon service by Ann Cockburn



The Moderator, Revd Dave Herbert, opened the meeting, the theme of which was “God’s Wonderful World”. Members of St. John the Evangelist led the opening worship. The Moderator reflected that the environment was integral to the web of life and that something needed to change, as four earths were needed to sustain current standards of living. He shared his efforts to give up plastic for Lent.

Revd Trevor Jamison from St Columba’s, North Shields, talked about his role as Green Apostle for 25% of his scoping for the next three years. Trevor would encourage churches to register with Eco Church and to consider how often they celebrated creation in imaginative ways. Trevor is willing to preach or talk on this subject.

News was shared concerning the imminent closure of two churches, at Belford and Blackhill and all churches facing difficulties were remembered. Synod acknowledged the retirement of Revd Meg Robb and Revd Greg Thompson and the resignation of Revd Dr Matthew Prevett.

Representatives from the Children & Youth Committee shared news of visits to Youth Assembly and Staying Alive, a youth camp held each summer. An update on the progress of the Youth Opportunities Programme was also given. Four Youth Interns were in place in local churches and a fifth was in progress. There was funding available for more posts.

Speakers in the afternoon included a representative from a rural church, telling us about the particular problems that

The Palace Roof has a Hole
by Lee King

need to be met in this situation and the Area Officer for the Fisherman's Mission who talked about his work along the North East Coast from Amble to Hartlepool.

Although there is a certain amount of business to get through at Synod meetings, interesting topics are also covered and there is a chance to meet people from other churches. Anyone can attend for part or the whole of the day.

The next meeting will be held at Wooler URC on 5th October, 2019.

Sue Ames, Synod Representative.



**The Flower Team presents
a
Concert
by
BACKWORTH
MALE VOICE CHOIR
on
Saturday May 11th
at
7pm
Tickets £6
Catriona Fenwick 2529913**

Artificial Weightlessness
by Andy Gravity

Table Top Sale
Saturday 4th May, 10 am – 2 pm



Tables are still available at £8 so if you are interested please contact Ray Hammond (Tel 0191 252 3319). The church will be having its own stalls, including bric-a-brac, books, jewellery and cakes and contributions to these stalls would be much appreciated. All proceeds are for Christian Aid.

Scones of Praise

On **Sunday 19th May at 3.30 pm** we will once again be hosting Scones of Praise at St Andrew's. This provides another opportunity to support Christian Aid and also enjoy a cream tea. We are pleased that folk from St Peter's will be joining us on this occasion.

Date for the Diary

On **Saturday 8th June at 7 pm** we look forward to a **Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper**. Jim Farley has kindly offered to devise the quiz so get your thinking caps on and come along for an evening of friendship, food and fun. Tickets available soon.

Ann Hammond

A big thank you to friends at S. Andrew's for the flowers, cards and good wishes after my knee operation, with a special thank you to my Elder, Carole, for all her support.
Hope to be back soon.

Jim Turnbull

The Industrial Revolution
by Otto Mattick



Hope 6 - Budget

Month	March	Year to date
Income	£7,477	£23,121
Expenditure	£7,436	£23,280
Surplus/Deficit	£41	- £159

Together in faith in Monkseaton and Whitley Bay

The culmination of our Lenten journey included two services shared with our fellow Christians from other churches in Monkseaton and Whitley Bay.

First we remembered Christ's final journey to the cross and his crucifixion at a midday service around the cross outside the Ship and Black Horse Inns on Front Street, where we remembered Christ's blood being shed through the tying of ribbons of wool onto the wooden cross.

We then celebrated his resurrection day with the sun rising at just after 5:45am over a clear calm sea at the Spanish City plaza, on what proved to be a very mild morning.

Both services involved both hymns and prayers, as well as the ability to share our faith with others. Our faith was renewed!



You're a Bundle of Laughs
by Vera Funny

There is a tale told about an old Scotsman who ran a ferry service, using his rowing boat, between two small islands. On the handle of one of his oars he had carved the word FAITH and on the other, WORKS. This was his way of telling people about his Christian faith. One of his clients asked him why the words had been carved into the oars. He responded by holding one of the oars out of the water and rowing energetically with the other. The boat went round in circles. He then did the same with the other oar and it went in circles the other way. No further words were necessary. It was a sermon in itself.



A well-known song of some years ago told us that “love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage”. Similarly, the Bible tells us that faith and action cannot be separated in the life of the Christian. Jesus was the supreme example of someone who used words of comfort and encouragement when they were needed, but He also demonstrated God’s love through his active ministry of healing the sick, casting out demons and in many other ways.

We live in a society today where it is increasingly difficult to stand up for what we believe. Those who follow a secularist agenda pour scorn on any attempts to show them there is a better way. However, while we may be swimming against the tide, the fact is that we have a better message and a stronger power to help us make a stand. People who have no experience of true Christian fellowship, and have no faith, have no real understanding of the truths in the Christian Gospel. How important it is, therefore, for us to realise that our faith and actions go hand in hand, but also to remember as followers of Christ that our actions may often speak much more loudly than our words.

No More Circuit Breakers!
by Ira Fuse



ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

March Draw

93 numbers went into the draw on 31st March

The Winners were:

1st	No. 27	Ray Hammond	£139.50
2nd	No. 92	Elizabeth Morley	£69.75
3rd	No. 39	Paul Hartley	£23.25

£232.50 was given to Church funds.

The "100 Club" is a fund raising activity for Church funds.

Each member pays £5 per month
and the money is allocated as follows:

50% to Church funds

50% towards prize money (split 60 / 30 / 10)

A monthly draw is held at a Church event or on the
last Sunday of the month during morning coffee.

If you are interested in joining the "100 Club",
please contact:

Kathleen Hopper (2522345)

The Excitement of Trees
by I. M. Board

Prayer Diary

We remember in our prayers week by week the churches of the Synod, Synod officers, groups and committees. We also remember significant dates in the church and world calendars.



5	Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner, Dr Ann Sinclair, and our resource of lay preachers across our Synod.
12	The work of Christian Aid and for generous giving during Christian Aid Week (12-18 May)
19	Grindon Mission Project; Boldon URC; St Bede URC, Sunderland; Stockton Road URC, Sunderland; Roker URC; Revd Dr David Whiting.
26	Mrs Geraldine Sands, our Safeguarding Advisor shared with Yorkshire Synod.

Church Register

DEATHS

- GREGSON Edward Watkin (Eddie),
on 23rd March, aged 85 years.
Service and committal at Whitley Bay
on 18th April, conducted by
Revd Dr Matthew Prevett.
- HAINING Peggy, (formerly of Trinity URC),
on 26th March, aged 92 years.
Service at St Andrew's on 8th April
followed by private committal,
conducted by Revd Gordon Connacher.

Daddy are We There Yet?
by Miles Away



*The names of those we remember
this month are*

Annie Adamson Saunders

Dr. James Fraser, MBChB

Vera W B Heighton

Stanley & Margaret Joyce Ord

Peter Hawkins Morley

Margaret (Peggy) Thomson Smith

John Williams

Elizabeth Carmen Patterson

Janet Norrie Caldwell

Frank Packer

John Blaney Walton

If you would like a name adding to the Book of Remembrance, to be entered in the copy in the church and this version in Newstand, as well as being included in prayers on Communion Sunday, please contact Tim Cooke (details inside back cover), or complete a form in the church.

Who Killed Cock Robin?
by Howard I. Know

Monthly Duties

Elders	Vestry: Joan Blanchfield Reception: Margaret Varley Communion: Carole Mallett
Stewards	Carol and Jim Turnbull
Flowers	Hazel & Celia

Weekly Duties

Sun 05-May-19	Readers: G and J Yarrow Prayers of Concern: Hazel Hall	Organ: Pete
Tues 07-May-19	Prayers: Barbara Burgess	
Sun 12-May-19	Readers: H Hall, A Cooke Prayers of Concern: Chris Hales	Organ: Helen
Tues 14-May-19	Prayers: Kathleen Hopper	
Sun 19-May-19	Readers: G Mills, C Mallett Prayers of Concern: Una Ketteridge	Organ: Alex
Tues 21-May-19	Prayers: Ray Hammond	
Sun 26-May-19	Readers: C Hales, J Hooper Prayers of Concern: Barbara Burgess	Organ: Pete
Tues 28-May-19	Prayers: Una Ketteridge	

Newstand Dates

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Open Door Coffee Mornings
every Tuesday and Thursday
from 10am to Noon

CHURCH CALENDAR

May /June 2019

A short Act of Worship is
held in the Church Foyer
every Tuesday at 9.30am

Saturday	4	Table Top Sale (for Christian Aid)	10.00 am
Sunday	5	Praise Service; Praise Team	9.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Trevor Jamison	11.00 am
Tuesday	7	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
		Worship Group Meeting	7.30 pm
Thursday	9	Pastoral Team and Elders' Meetings	7.30 pm
Friday	10	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Saturday	11	Flower Team Concert – Backworth Male Voice Choir	7.00 pm
Sunday	12	Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Morning Worship; Dr Andrew Graydon	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm
Monday	13	Afternoon Service hosted and led by the Worship Group	2.00 pm
Friday	17	Film Club – “The Children Act”	2.00 pm
Saturday	18	Big Breakfast at St Peter’s Church (for Christian Aid)	10.00 am – Noon
Sunday	19	Communion Service; Revd Pat Wardle	9.30 am
		Morning Worship; Mrs Valerie Taylor	11.00 am
		Scones of Praise Service (for Christian Aid)	3.30 pm
Monday	20	Activities Team Meeting	2.00 pm
Friday	24	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	26	Morning Worship; Revd Jane Rowell	11.00 am
JUNE 2019			
Sunday	2	Praise Service; Praise Team	9.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Ted Marley	11.00 am
Friday	7	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	9	Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Morning Worship; Mrs Angela Storer	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm