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Dear friends,

We've recently had the Commonwealth Games filling our television schedules. Amid the many varieties of sports, there have been Commonwealth and World records broken. The astonishing efforts of men and women – both those in the able bodied and para-athletic fields – show what training, effort and perseverance can produce.

I guess when many of these athletes begin their training, perhaps a decade or more before their Commonwealth participation, they have little idea of the journey that lies before them. They may understand that they will need to change their habits – whether that's to have a fuller training regime, or to make changes to their diet or nutritional intake – but they may never understand at the outset the commitment and determination needed to achieve their success.

But while their success is as a result of their energy and fitness levels, the underlying drive to achieve all that they could achieve – and to be the athletes they have become – has come through their determination and motivation to go after the medals. They may have genes that make them especially fast or strong, and this may be how they found themselves succeeding at sports at an earlier age. But without the drive, the effort, and the desire to achieve greatness, their gifts would never have achieved the potential of medal winners at an international level.

The same can be true in other disciplines – as musicians and actors, scientists and medics, architects and lawyers. When anyone begins on such a career or calling, it is often the thought of being a well known actor, or sportsman, or lawyer, or surgeon, which gives a motivation that can help drive towards better

progress in school or on the sports field. It would be a bold parent who sets some of these as targets. But it is clear from those who do achieve such greatness that they have unearthed the potential within themselves to drive towards their hopes and dreams, fulfilling their calling in their chosen field.

As we have grown up, we have undoubtedly received some encouragement to live up to our potential and to do the things where we excel. That might have been careers advice at school, or the guidance of others who have seen our potential. From that we may have followed courses, applied for jobs, or participated in other activities that have helped us achieve our potential.

As individuals – and as a Christian Community – we have a potential that God wants us to live out. God gives us gifts that we can use – maybe strength or speed, maybe in music or dance, maybe to preach or teach, maybe as evangelists and mission enablers, maybe to be administrators or encouragers – and we are called to use these to God's glory and to achieve all that God can do in the world. As a Church we have potential to use these gifts to live out what God wants us to do in this place – using the gifts we have available to us now – so that we can run the race that is before us. God calls us to find and nurture our gifts and use them for God's glory, to share with the world and to build up the kingdom.

So as we remember the spectacular achievements of the athletes, we must remember too the potential to which we are called – as individuals and as a Church. Do we aspire to run the race that God sets before us, with all the hurdles and pitfalls that may bring? What do we need to do to live out the potential God calls us to live? Do we use all the gifts God has given among us to achieve all that God asks?

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'M'.



Friday 18th May 2.00pm

Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen.



PADDINGTON 2

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



Several of our congregation regularly make donations to Commitment For Life. This is done quietly, privately and 'without any fuss', but I feel it warrants a mention in Newstand.

The contributions qualify for the Gift Aid tax refund scheme, and in November last year I was able to send a cheque for £1000 to the central office. So far this year over £300 has been donated.

We always receive a thank you note, and in March I was sent the latest newsletter, showing where the money is being used. As part of Christian Aid, help is being given in Bangladesh, Central America, Zimbabwe and several other places, in the form of education, health and water facilities.

Can I therefore pass on thanks to those people who donate to the scheme – it looks like we will be able to send another £1000 at the end of the year.

Kevin Ames

Induction of Revd Trevor Jamison at St Columba's, North Shields on Saturday 16th June 2018 at 2.30 pm. If you wish to attend the Induction could you please let me know not later than Sunday 27th May and also if you wish to stay for the buffet following the service.

Ray Hammond
Church Secretary



Copies of the Minutes are displayed on the Notice Board in the vestibule of the Church.

Below is a *précis* of the meeting.

- The meeting was opened with worship.
- The Minister's report, as circulated with the Agenda, was received with thanks.
- The reports of church Secretary, Church Treasurer and church organisations were received and approved as appropriate.
- In relation to the additional report of the church secretary, the meeting was informed that:
 - ⇒ Elders' Meeting held discussions on Pastoral Care and the formation of the Pastoral Team
 - ⇒ Executive Team had dealt with a number of routine repairs as well as considering recycling and use of plastic on the premises.
 - ⇒ The Activities Team was looking forward to support for the shop which it had been able to obtain for a few weeks on Park View, Whitley Bay.
 - ⇒ Cheques for 2017 under the Charity Scheme had been presented.

Church Officers appointed:

Church Secretary	Ray Hammond
Assistant Church Secretaries	Ann Hammond and Carole Mallett
Treasurer	Kevin Ames
Assistant Treasurer	Jenny Hooper

3 Gifts brought by the Magi

Gift Aid Secretary	Kevin Ames
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Whitley Bay & District Churches Together	Valerie Taylor
Ecumenical Social Committee	Ann Hammond and Sue Ames
Northern Province Synod	Sue Ames
Depaul Trust	Michael Spicer
Christian Aid	Sue and Kevin Ames

Church Teams

Nominations to Teams for 2018 received and agreed
(list displayed in church vestibule)

Date of next Church Meeting:

Sunday 17th June 2018 during worship (from 11am).

Ray Hammond
Church Secretary



I would like to share with you our progress in achieving Hope 6 for this year 'as it happens'. Sorry, it's mostly numbers, but if you are interested, I will report, month by month, throughout the year, how we are doing. It can be misleading to look at individual months, because the 'ins' and 'outs' can fluctuate so much, but the year to date figure can give us a guide as to what is happening.

Kevin Ames

Month	January	February	March	Year to date
Income	£11,586	£ 4,221	£ 14,310	£ 30,119
Expenditure	£ 7,865	£ 8,367	£ 11,460	£ 27,693
Surplus/ Deficit	£ 3,721	— £ 4,145	£ 2,850	£ 2,426

St Peter's Players Presents:

"Murder on the Rerun"

a comedy/thriller by Fred Carmichael

at the Crosskeys Hall, Elmwood Road

on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May at 7.30pm
and Saturday 12th May at 6pm.

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



5 Books of the Pentateuch

ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

March Draw

92 numbers went into the draw on 25th February.

The Winners were:

1st	No. 38	Susan Anderson	£138.00
2nd	No. 73	Joyce Coulson	£69.00
3rd	No. 1	Liz Fletcher	£23.00

£230 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

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)

6 Days of Creation



Shop!

At the time of writing St Andrew's 'Granny's Attic' situated on Park View has been trading for four days and is proving to be very successful indeed with lots of happy customers. The negotiations involved in obtaining the shop, organising rates and insurance etc in addition to all the work involved in collecting, sorting and stocking the premises have proved very worthwhile. A special thank you to the window dressing team who have provided such eye-catching and much complimented window displays.

Table Top Sale – Saturday 12th May, 10 am – 2 pm.

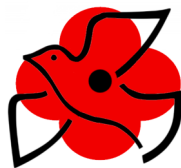
There is still time to book a table at £8 so if you are interested contact Ray Hammond (Tel 252 3319). These sales are always well supported and enjoyed by all who take a table, come to browse and buy or just pop in for coffee or lunch of soup and bacon sandwiches. All proceeds are for Christian Aid.

Northumbrian Evening – Saturday 2nd June, 7.30 pm.

Tickets will soon be available at £10 (including supper). This promises to be an enjoyable evening with contributions from well-known Northumbrian entertainers, so please give your support if you can.

Ann Hammond

Calling all Crafters!



During morning worship on 22nd April, we launched the first stage of our Remembrance and Reconciliation Festival — the creation of our poppy art installation.

Consisting of thousands of knitted and crocheted poppies, the installation will give everyone, whatever their ability level, the chance to contribute towards the focal point of our festival. So whether you are a seasoned crafter or an enthusiastic novice (like myself!) you can play an important part.

At the moment we have six different poppy designs for you to choose from, available either alone for you to make as many as you want, or in kits containing enough materials to make 2 poppies. Kits and cards are available now in church or directly from Una Ketteridge and completed poppies can be placed in the collection box at church.

Knit & Natter Sessions

We will also be holding “knit and natter” sessions during the open door coffee mornings on the following Tuesdays. So why not come along, have a coffee and enjoy some time together whilst creating something special?

All sessions will run from 10am–12 noon after morning prayers on 1st, 15th and 29th May, and 12th and 26th June.

Lucy Cooke



8:9 The longest verse in the Bible (in the book of Esther)

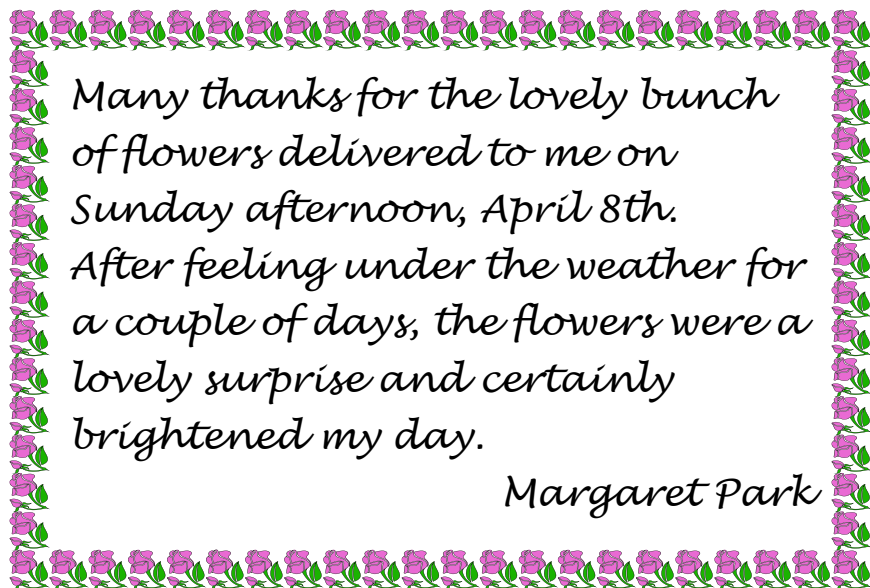
2020 Hopes – ‘Open Mornings’

We have explored a number of our 2020 Hopes in open mornings in January and February, but had to postpone some of them due to the inclement weather.

Now the weather has made a turn for the better, you are invited to help in exploring **Hope 2 – Families and Children in worshipping life of the church** on Saturday 5th May from 10am – 11am. Refreshments will be available.

Sessions are open to everyone, whether you feel passionate about the topic or think you might be out of your comfort zone in speaking up – all input into the discussion is welcome.

Matthew



9 fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton

The Flower Team presents

The Darling Dollies

on

**Saturday, May 5th
at 7pm**

£6

Raffle

Including interval refreshments

Tickets from

Catriona Fenwick 252 9913

I wandered to church last Sunday morn
 With sleep in my eyes, with a scratch and a yawn
 A surprise was in store — there's a full church, that's great!

Exceedingly more than the usual eight.

A Christening today, not one but three!
 "The whole church is full!" said the Minister with glee.

No time to dally, not a time to come late,
 Not a pew to be had for the usual eight.

Ladies in posh hats with a floral display,
 Red nails and cleavages heading our way.
 All looking good in their dressing-up state,
 Far more dressed up than the usual eight.

Fathers were clad in their fine Sunday best,
 Hair all spiked up, shirt neatly pressed.
 Not wanting the services to finish too late,
 Then back to the pub, for one over the eight.

The Minister begins with a word and a song,
 Trying to be heard over this mighty throng.
 With hope and with vigour he passes the plate.
 But the only ones giving are the usual eight!

Next week we'll be left to our usual fate
 With Holy Communion and collection plate.
 A family service now and then would be great.
 Perhaps we'd get more than the usual eight.

Submitted by Neil & Anne Cockburn



SMITH	Janet, on 21 March 2018, aged 94 years. Service and committal at Tynemouth On 6th April, conducted by Revd Dr Matthew Prevett.
DOBSON	Margaret Amy, on 24 March 2018, aged 84 years. Private committal on 17th April, followed by service at St Andrew's, conducted by Revd Dr Matthew Prevett

Northern Synod Prayer Diary

6	Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner, Mrs Barbara Allen, and our resource of lay preachers across our Synod..
13	The work of Christian Aid and for generous giving during Christian Aid Week 13 th – 19 th .
20	Grindon Mission Project; Boldon URC, St Bede URC, Stockton road URC, Roker URC, Sunderland; Revd Dr David Whiting.
27	Mrs Geraldine Sands, our safeguarding officer shared with Yorkshire Synod.

11:35 The shortest verse in the Bible (in the Gospel of John)



*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

St. Andrew's Book of Remembrance is open to all who wish to be remembered in the prayers of those in the church, be they former members or adherents, relatives, loved ones or friends, or just someone who had a connection with the life of the church.

To have a name entered, please complete a form available on the table at the rear of the church or email Tim Cooke via the Newstand address.

Monthly Duties

Elders	Vestry: I. Ord Reception: B. Watson Communion: C. Mallett
Stewards	J & C Turnbull
Flowers	Hazel & Celia

Weekly Duties

Tues 01-May-18	Prayers: P. Hartley	
Sun 06-May-18	Readers: C.Purves, M.Christopher Prayers of Concern: A.Hammond	Organ: Paul
Tues 08-May-18	Prayers: L.Cooke	
Sun 13-May-18	Readers: M. Walton, U.Ketteridge Prayers of Concern: H.Hall	Organ: Helen
Tues 15-May-18	Prayers: D.McFarlane	
Sun 20-May-18	Readers: Junior Church, A.Stembridge Prayers of Concern: M.Prevett	Organ: Pete
Tues 22-May-18	Prayers: K. Hopper	
Sun 27-May-18	Readers: G & J Yarrow Prayers of Concern: A.Cooke	Organ: Paul
Tues 29-May-18	Prayers: C.Mallett	

Newstand Dates

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

May /June 2018

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

Saturday	5	2020 Hopes meeting – Hope 2	10.00 am
		Flower Team Concert – 'The Darling Dollies'	7.00 pm
Sunday	6	Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Communion Service; Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm
Thursday	10	Pastoral Team Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	11	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Saturday	12	Table Top Sale	10.00 am
Sunday	13	Morning Worship; Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
		Scones of Praise	3.30 pm
Friday	18	Film Club – 'Paddington 2'	2.00 pm
Sunday	20	Communion Service; Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Morning Worship for Pentecost; Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Tuesday	22	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
Friday	25	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	27	Morning Worship for Trinity Sunday; Rev'd Douglas McFarlane	11.00 am
JUNE 2018			
Saturday	2	Northumbrian Evening	7.30 pm
Sunday	3	Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Communion Service; Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm
Friday	8	Friendship Club	2.00 pm