

## NEWSTAND

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#### Dear friends,

During my teen years, I would join my grandad, every six weeks or so, when he went along to the local town museum as a steward. The museum was out of the town centre - about 15 mins walk away - and was virtually hidden away up some treacherous 'back stairs' on the first floor of the Town's Council Buildings. At the time the early 1990s - it was a collection of 3 very small rooms. each coming off of a small corridor which was itself packed with artefacts. There was a room that showed the history of the town, and one that showed local farming history. In time for the 50th anniversary of VE Day, they opened the third room to show the town during the war. It even had a computer in it – although we never really worked out what it did! If we had more than a handful of people pay us a visit on a two-hour opening slot, we felt it had been a worthwhile afternoon.

My grandad had been a keen member of the Museum Society, and he would often speak to me during our quiet afternoons there about their plan to 'Build for the Future' and to acquire a site and premises that would be up to scratch and fit for purpose. They had a vision of a museum that was more than the dry, dull looking history that they had in their inaccessible three rooms, but rather something that brought the history alive, was relevant to people's lives in the town and further afield, could engage with their local community and context and could interest the young while the old could connect with things from their past.

They succeeded in opening a new museum in 2006, in a prime, town centre location, and opening five days per week. They knew that the way they had traditionally displayed their history would not be sufficient for their new premises. So they 'Built for the

Yet more of the Bible in a number of numbers

Future' and remodelled their displays to make them more accessible and engaging for a variety of people in new and interesting exhibitions, and displaying the collections in ways that people of all ages and backgrounds can learn more about the town and its heritage. This museum, like so many others (the exhibitions at Woodhorn spring to mind), have realised that it is possible to share tradition and history without being stuck in traditional ways.

Churches are often thought of as dull, dry, museums to the past that hold onto ways of doing things - and attitudes to the world that are not in keeping with the life of many people in our communities. It's true that we have a history and heritage to hold on to. But that history and heritage isn't fixed in how Churches came into existence in the last century, or even how our Nonconformist forebears stood themselves apart at the Reformation. Instead, we have a heritage - a tradition - that we find in the pages of the Bible, where we learn how Jesus continually spoke against the prevailing 'religious' culture of the time (its "tradition") and instead spoke of being inclusive, engaging, learning about and with one another about how to be a faithful community in the world. For us, being "traditional" should not mean that we are fixed in pews or with hymns and songs written in previous centuries, but should mean that we turn back to Jesus who invites us to share together, in new and creative ways, in the worship of God. Churches are not called to be museums to the past, but to be living traditions of Jesus people whose worship and discipleship shows God's love to the world who want to look one another in the face and share together in praise and thanksgiving to a God who gives us all our past traditions and all our future days. latthew

Blessings,

50 righteous men needed in Sodom to save the city

#### Friday 13th July 2.00pm

# across Western

Starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill, it is an account of his early days as Prime Minister, as Nazi Germany's Wehrmacht swept Europe. threatening to defeat the United Kingdom during World War II.

## DARKEST HOUR

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

#### Craft Group

#### St Andrew's Craft Group is ever busy!



The latest items for purchase are our special new idea of a present for graduation of a wise owl in cap and gown. He also wears spectacles to show his intelligence! This owl comes in 2 colours - BLUES and ORANGES with black mortarboard and gown. It also carries a scroll. These can be ordered from Barbara Burgess and cost £15.



Our other new item is Sir Peregrine Penguin - a very dashing bird in top hat and tails, £10.

The very simple velvet teddy is from our everyday section, and costs only £1.50.

Our unicorns, not seen here, are still on the market!

These are original designs, and I feel would sell anywhere for a lot more!

If you would like to join us, we meet at St Andrew's on Mondays at 10 am. You would be very welcome!

Barbara Burgess Tel 0191 2512912

59 days — the length of the Israelite's journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai



Last year, a few members from St Andrew's took place in the parade to mark the opening of Newcastle Pride. The parade

takes a long (but steady) walk around the centre of Newcastle and up to Exhibition Park. We joined with the Northern Lights Church to be a group of Christians walking together.

This year, we're hoping to join with more Christians and walk the parade route in a larger number than last year. The Parade takes place on Saturday 21st July at 12 noon. We'll meet outside St Thomas's Church (at the Haymarket) at 11.45. The church will be open for refreshments from 11. The theme for the parade this year is the Rainbow, so it should be very colourful.

If you're interested in taking part, please speak to Matthew or Lucy.

#### **Church Bulletins**

- The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Nearly New Sale on Saturday, a chance to recycle those things you longer need. Ladies, bring your husbands
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet on Tuesday at 7pm.
   Please use the back door of the hall.
- For those who have children and don't know it, there is a creche during the service.
- Eight new choir robes are urgently needed for new members due to the deterioration of the older ones.
- Weight Watchers meets at 7pm on Thursdays. Please use the large double doors at the side of the hall.

66 books in the Bible

#### Concert of Remembrance & Reconciliation Saturday 10th November 2018





#### Do you enjoy choral singing?

Join with singers from all over the region to perform Mozart's Requiem & Parry's Blest Pair of Sirens.

Our Remembrance and Reconciliation Festival takes place between Saturday 27th October and Sunday 11th November 2018. It concludes with a Concert of Remembrance and Reconciliation on Saturday 10th November including performances by our come and sing scratch choir.

Choir members are encouraged to attend at least one pre-rehearsal and be available for the afternoon and evening of the 10th November 2018.

Details of rehearsals, how to register to join the choir and how to apply for solo parts can be found at <a href="https://bit.ly/RARF-Concert">bit.ly/RARF-Concert</a>

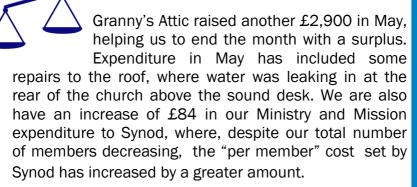
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70 years — the time the people of Judah spent in exile in Babylon



Tim Cooke (on behalf of the Finance Team)

Month	March	April	May	Year to date
Income	£ 14,310	£ 15,624	£ 10,205	£ 55,949
Expenditure	£ 11,460	£ 12,162	£8,778	£ 48,634
Surplus/ Deficit	£ 2,850	£ 3,462	£1,427	£ 7,315

#### SUMMER AFTERNOON SERVICE

On Monday 16th July at 2 pm an Afternoon Service led by the Revd Dr Matthew Prevett is being held. This is particularly for those who find difficulty in attending the usual Sunday morning services but all are welcome. As is the usual practice at these Afternoon Services, the Activities Team will be serving refreshments afterwards.

> Ray Hammond Church Secretary

71 sons of Gideon

It was with sadness that we recently heard the news that Eric Maxwell had died. The Maxwell family connection with St Andrew's is in relation to our



Nativity light box in the chancel and two smaller light boxes in the side aisle.

The window had originally been installed in the former Gosforth URC and had been commissioned by Eric and his brother, with the aid of Gordon Connacher, who was minister at that church at the time. When the church closed and became a fish restaurant the window was supposed to remain in the property. Its removal was spotted by a member of the congregation who informed Eric's nephew, Keith, who lives locally. It was discovered that it had been sold to a reclamation firm in Bristol not far from where Eric lived and he was therefore able to purchase it and then seek Gordon's help in finding a new home for it. When St Andrew's readily accepted the window, the Maxwell family organised and paid for its installation and subsequently came to the service of dedication.

Eric continued to take a keen interest in St Andrew's future plans and we kept in touch with both Keith and Eric from time to time, as well as regularly through Newstand which Eric much appreciated and enjoyed.

It was no surprise therefore in 2010 to receive a letter from Eric except this time it was on formal 'Maxwell Family Foundation' paper. Briefly the charity which Eric had established through his business at Bristol was to be wound up, after one major final project, with any balance of funds being donated to "those causes with whom we have had a happy relationship for many

years". St Andrew's was included "because of the kindness shown" to Eric and the family, and in admiration of the Building for the Future project. Enclosed was a cheque for £10,000.

Ray Hammond Church Secretary

72 hours (continuous) to read the Bible from start to finish

#### ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

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#### May Draw

94 numbers went into the draw on 27th May.

The Winners were:

1st No. 96 Sandy Fenwick £141.00

2nd No. 79 Pat Peel £70.50

3rd No. 52 Celia Purves £23.50

£235 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)

80 years — the age of Moses at the time of the Exodus

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## Meeting at St John's Methodist Church on 6th June 2018

18 church representatives attended.

**Opening Devotions** led by the Revd Eva Walker (Minister at St John's).

#### Change in Membership:

Retirement of Joan Bell (St Peter's) – new representative Mrs Sue Miller.

#### **Church Updates:**

- Whitley Bay Baptist Church closing for refurbishment
   moving to Whitley Bay High School.
- Monkseaton Methodist Church closing for refurbishment – moving to St John's.

Minutes from last meeting read and approved.

#### **Matters Arising:**

- Children's Summer Activity Lunches involving four churches (Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Andrew's, St Peter's and St Mary's) on four days per week for six weeks.
- Underwrite donation to Summer Activity as and when needed.
- Spiritual Care Volunteers John Morley explained training available for pastoral care in Nursing Homes.

83 plants mentioned in the Bible

#### **Updates on Initiatives:**

- Clergy meetings unable to sort out dates.
- Street Pastors printed update report by Chris Lincoln (co-ordinator). Needing more volunteers.
- Linked with Street Pastors was the Government SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol). A team was provided for 60 nights to open up overnight accommodation for 83 people (between November – March) in Oxford Street premises. However, it has been put in doubt for next year as North Tyneside Council were presented with a bill of £4,000 for the use of the premises. (Further investigation is to be carried out as to the amount.)
- SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)
   Meeting held in March to help and understand religious teaching in school. (The Church of England and Sikh representatives have withdrawn.)
- Church presence at the Murton Gap Housing
   Development Letter was received from the planning authority. It was vague - no decision seemed apparent.
- It was the 10th anniversary of 'Parent Talk'.

#### **Future Activities:**

- Christmas Presence It was suggested hiring premises in the centre of Whitley Bay in the weeks leading up to Christmas to be used as a drop in centre – different activities, quiet space etc, would be available to all.
- St Edward's Christmas Carol event to be held on 23rd December.

86 years — the age of Abraham when Ishmael was born

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 to be hosted by St John's (17th – 25th January).
- Christian Aid Week 2019 'Big Breakfast' hosted by St Mary's (second week in May).
- Christian Aid speaker at an event in October as part of One World Week – to be arranged.

#### Administration:

 Finance update – up to date 13 churches have contributed, still five outstanding.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

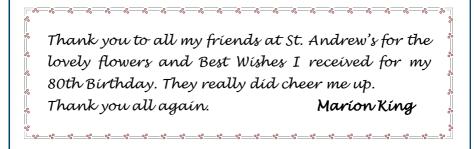
Treasurer

Father Andrew Faley
Colin Raistrick
Susan Austin

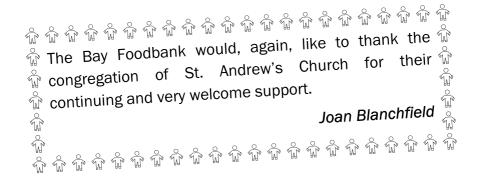
#### **Future Meeting:**

Wednesday, 17th October 2018 at St Mark's, Shiremoor. The meeting closed with silent prayer and the saying of the Grace together.

Valerie Taylor



93 years taken by the Gideons to distribute 1 billion Bibles



Many thanks for the cards, flowers and good wishes sent to me from my friends at St. Andrew's during my lengthy stay in hospital. Very much appreciated.

Shirley Gibbon

Thank you for all the messages, phone calls, cards and flowers of condolence on the sudden but peaceful passing of my husband Jim. The love and support shown to myself and family has been overwhelming and we all deeply appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Ann Sinclair

95 theses presented by Martin Luther



### Remembrance & Reconciliation Festival 2018

26th October - 11th November 2018

## Exhibition Call for Submissions Calling all painters, sketchers, sculptors, photographers, poets and keen historians!

We are now seeking items to be submitted for display during our two week festival.

These can be pictures, photos, sculptures or poetry. The only rule is that the work must be original to you.





Your subject can be anything linked to the theme "Remembrance & Reconciliation" so why not get your paints, pencils, cameras and clay out and see what you can create?



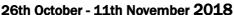
## Deadline for Submissions 30th September 2018

Detailed information at: https://bit.ly/2JM6RwZ





## Remembrance & Reconciliation Festival 2018





#### Other ways to get involved



#### **Crafted Poppies**

There's still plenty of time to get crafty and be part of our poppy installation.

Patterns and further information available in the church foyer or online at https://bit.ly/2LVdfON

Submission Deadline: 30th September 2018

Knit and Natter sessions 3rd, 17th, 31st July 10am - 12noon

#### Join Our Scratch Choir

Sign up and come and sing in the closing concert of the festival on Saturday 10th November. We'll be singing Mozart's Requiem and



Parry's Blest Pair of Sirens. More information on how to register available at https://bit.ly/2LUaLQS

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I thought I'd pen a few lines about the seating arrangements at church.

Like many people at our church, and other churches, if I'm not participating with a reading or prayers, I tend to take a seat somewhere in the middle. It's familiar and comfortable - don't want to seem "pushy" by being at the front, or "reluctant" by being at the back. Over time, one tends to become possessive of one's chosen seat.

With the decline in numbers of Junior Church who, with their teachers, always tended to occupy the front rows, it became apparent that whomever was leading the worship was starting to look a bit "lonely" and distant, because of the empty rows.

I resolved to lead by example and go to the front. On the very morning that Kath and I were to put this into action, we found a new seating plan with the front rows rotated to the sides of the church. We pressed on regardless and took our places at the new front rows. All I can say is "Wow!" The worship experience is so much more inclusive, more personal and more intense. You're right there, with whomever is talking and very much a part of it. You're not just a polite spectator at a comfortable distance. It's very much a case of "This person is talking to me". The whole experience is more profound.

To anyone who may be contemplating moving forwards, to fill the empty spaces, I'd say "Come and join me, right in the midst of the action, and loving every minute of it"

Chris Hales

99 animals mentioned in the Bible



## Come & Praise!



Join us for a time of lively, family friendly, informal, worship with contemporary music and prayer.

Sunday 1st July 2018 9.30am - 10am

Hot & cold drinks and pastries served afterwards.

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#### Northumbria Healthcare

#### **NHS Foundation Trust**

I have been successful through an uncontested election to be returning as a Public Governor for Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The local hospitals of "Cramlington", officially known as The Northumbria Emergency Care Hospital, your local hospital at North Tyneside General (Rake Lane) and further afield, Wansbeck, Hexham and the Community hospitals at Blyth, Alnwick and Berwick.

The NHS celebrates 70 years this year and I am looking forward to attending a dedication service at Hexham Abbey.

We now have a new model of care being unveiled in October of this year, where the Urgent Care Centre will firmly remain at North Tyneside Hospital but with enhanced GP telephone cover. The centre will still close at midnight and reopen at 8 a.m. During the night, all urgent care will be through the Northumbria Hospital at Cramlington. It has been found that it is just not viable, safe or sensible to have the Urgent Care Centre open through the night; the footfall is minimal. There is a new Blue Zone now at Cramlington, which facilitates patients walking through the front door and this hopefully will give speedier access through A&E. I know patients who have experienced going there by ambulance are very efficiently treated.

I hope as one of three Whitley Bay Public Governors you, the church family at St Andrew's and friends also, will come to me with any queries you may have about our immediate hospitals, appointments and things that may be bothering you. I can try to help and steer you in the directions of our Call Centre and other ways of communicating well with your local Health Trust.

Heather Carr

112 English editions of the Bible



## The names of those we remember this month are

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Alfred Edward Corby

Edith Walton

Kenneth George Tancock

Doris May Heighton

Revd. David Idris Owen

George Nicholson Hay

John and Isabella Thompson

Lilian Alex Masterman

#### Northern Synod Prayer Diary South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area (SENEA) 1 (Methodist and URC), its president and officers. Northumbrian Industrial Mission and Mrs Fiona Usher. 8 Chaplain Team Leader. 15 The work of Synod Executive Committee. 22 Synod Pilgrimage - Borders Abbeys Walk 22 - 27 July. St James's URC, Alnwick: Warkworth URC; Revd Joan Grindrod-Helm. 29 PCM. their office staff at Church House, Khovo. Maputo. The Anglican Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Revd Mark Bryant.

119 — the longest psalm (and Bible chapter)

Monthly Duties			
Elders	Vestry: Carole Mallett Reception: Paul Hartley Communion: Hazel Hall		
Stewards	Christine Ridley, Alison Ridley, Celia Purves		
Flowers	Heather & Alison		

Weekly Duties			
Sun 01-July-18	.8 Readers: A.Mood, A.Cockburn Prayers of Concern: C.Hales		
Tues 03-July-18	Prayers: Douglas		
Sun 08-July-18	Readers: S.Anderson, J.Blanchfield Prayers of Concern: B.Burgess	Organ: Alex	
Tues 10-July-18	Prayers: Carole		
Sun 15-July-18	Readers: Junior Church, J.MacLennan Prayers of Concern: Worship Leader	Organ: Pete	
Tues 17-July-18	Prayers: Una		
Sun 22-July-18	Readers: T.Cooke, K.Hopper Prayers of Concern: U.Ketteridge	Organ: Hymnal	
Tues 24-July-18	Prayers: Lucy		
Sun 29-July-18	Readers: I.Ord, S.Clark Prayers of Concern: B.Burgess	Organ: Paul	
Tues 31-July-18	Prayers: Paul		

Newstand Dates				
Next edition, published 4th Sunday of month	Sunday 22 July 2018			
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**Open Door Coffee Mornings** every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to Noon

## CHURCH CALENDAR July / August 2018

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

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Sunday	1	Praise Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm
Tuesday	3	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
Friday	6	Friendship Club Fish & Chips 1.00 for	1.30 pm
Sunday	8	Morning Worship; Revd Douglas McFarlane	11.00 am
		Joint Service with St Columba's at St Andrew's	6.30 pm
Thursday	12	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	13	Film Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	15	Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Morning Worship; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Monday	16	Summer Afternoon Service;	2.00 pm
		Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	
Friday	20	Coach Outing to Berwick, with St Columba's	TBA
Sunday	22	Morning Worship; Revd Douglas McFarlane	11.00 am
Monday	23	Summer Activity Lunches begin	12:30 pm
Sunday	29	Morning Worship; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
AUGUST 2018			
Sunday	5	Praise Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Sunday	12	Joint Service with St Peter's <u>AT ST PETER'S</u> ; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett & Revd Peter Dobson NOTE EARLIER TIME (NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S)	10.30 am