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*Dear friends,*

As June comes around we get to the end of the rapid succession of Christian festivals and seasons that fill the first half of the liturgical year that begins at the start of Advent. The Christian Calendar tends to refer to the rest of the year – through to the start of Advent – with the rather unexciting term “Ordinary time”. It reminds us that so many of the festivals we mark celebrate extra-ordinary events.

As Ordinary time progresses a number of common factors occur. During this time, the Lectionary takes us through some of the less popular parts of the bible, often gifting us with some rather unusual stories and some rather challenging passages. Some Sundays appear to be rather ‘ordinary’ in their content – leaving us with a lack of interesting peaks in the stories we hear and the topics we encounter.

But however ordinary the season may seem, we need to remember that we are given the opportunity for the extra-ordinary. Every Sunday is a ‘Little Easter’ – with us being reminded constantly of the power of God – while every day is an opportunity for us to live out our calling as followers of Christ.

We spent the Sundays leading up to Pentecost thinking about the purpose and potential we have within ourselves and within our life as a Christian community. When we use the ordinary of our lives – our own gifts and skills, our money, our talents – we can do extraordinary things and be the extraordinary presence of God in the world.

Our potential might need to be realised in becoming active in something – perhaps you would like to be involved in the organisation of our Remembrance and Reconciliation Festival, or to help us with our work with Children and Young People. Perhaps you'll be passionate about some of the 2020 Hopes that we're working towards and want to be part of those.

But maybe the possibility of being actively involved isn't something you can do now. With that in mind, perhaps your purpose and potential as a follower of Jesus in this place now is to be vocal and supportive of the things that we do as a Church, to feed into our discussions and to show encouragement to the things that we ought to do. Maybe you can be supportive of letting others try new things, or maybe it's time to give the Church permission to step out into new ways of relating with the world. Perhaps your way of living the potential of the extraordinary is to let others be encouraged to step out in new ways and with changed priorities. Maybe it's an opportunity to write a card or a letter to your minister or elder to thank or encourage them in the ministry they do in the name of the Church.

As the season of 'Ordinary time' begins, we all have the opportunity to live out our extraordinary potential as followers of Jesus. How will you make this season extraordinary?

Blessings,

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm**

A TRUE LOVE STORY THAT INSPIRED THE WORLD

DAVID  
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A  
**UNITED  
KINGDOM**

AN AMMA ASANTE FILM



"UNMISSABLE...  
ONE OF THE BEST  
FILMS OF THE YEAR"  
BRITAIN

"THE MOST  
ROMANTIC FILM  
OF THE YEAR"  
THE IRVING



TERRY  
PHETO

VUSI  
KUNENE

ABENA  
AYIVOR

**The true story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and how his loving but controversial marriage to a British white woman, Ruth Williams, put his kingdom into political and diplomatic turmoil.**

**(Due to technical difficulties, the film was unable to be shown in March)**

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



One of the areas of my ministry that never ceases is that of ministry at times of bereavement. Over the past 18 months, we have said goodbye to a number of friends close to this fellowship as they have left this life and been welcomed into God's eternal presence. It is a tough time for families and I know that there is a great appreciation for the support they get from the Church in their grief, both in the lead up to the funeral and afterwards.

The process of planning a funeral can be a challenging one for family members. Many have never needed to make funeral arrangements before. While no one likes to 'plan' these things ahead (although a few of you have told me that you have!), a little bit of preparation can make this less challenging. From my experience there are two main areas that could be usefully thought about beforehand to help family (and Church/Minister) in making arrangements.

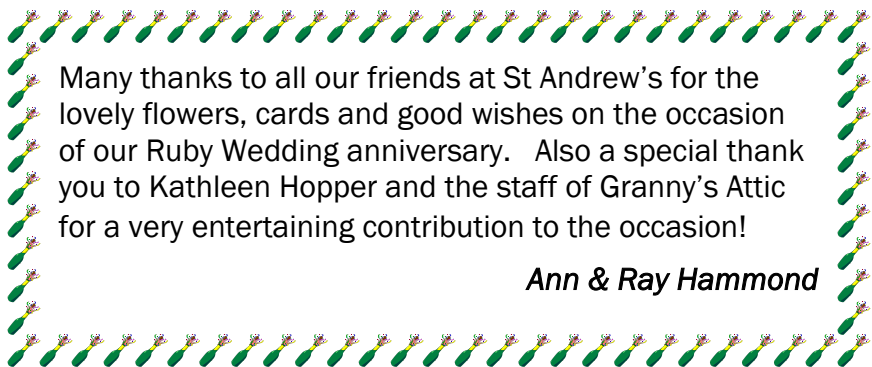
First, there tends to be a vastly different attitude and service provided by different Funeral Directors. In my experience, family companies (usually where the name of the company is the name of the Director) often provide a service that is focused on the family and they appreciate the experience and input of the Church or Minister. Bigger

firms often give better prices, but don't always have the time (or inclination) to 'go the extra mile' or to work constructively with the Church or Minister.

Second, while leaving wishes that are too lengthy or too detailed can be overly restricting it can make it easier on the family and minister if there are some indications of what might be included in the service(s). Not everything can be used all the time, but it can be helpful for family and minister if there are some suggestions. I'm happy to be involved in a conversation about this with individuals or families and can help to record useful suggestions that can be available for whenever the time arrives.

This can be a difficult topic to address, but there really is some comfort for all concerned to know that there has been some thought ahead of time. Do not hesitate to be in touch if you would like a conversation.

**Matthew**



Many thanks to all our friends at St Andrew's for the lovely flowers, cards and good wishes on the occasion of our Ruby Wedding anniversary. Also a special thank you to Kathleen Hopper and the staff of Granny's Attic for a very entertaining contribution to the occasion!

**Ann & Ray Hammond**

**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 [bit.ly/RARF-Concert](http://bit.ly/RARF-Concert)

Further information is also available by contacting  
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22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet





The opening of Granny's Attic in April has had a large effect on our finances. The amount taken was a staggering £5,875, and without this the year to date surplus at the end of April would have been £13. So far we have raised a further £1,142 in May, thanks to the work of so many people who have helped ( and I believe enjoyed helping ) in the shop.

*Kevin Ames*

Month	February	March	April	Year to date
Income	£ 4,221	£ 14,310	£ 15,624	£ 45,743
Expenditure	£ 8,367	£ 11,460	£ 12,162	£ 39,855
Surplus/ Deficit	— £ 4,145	£ 2,850	£ 3,462	£ 5,888

## Charitable Giving Scheme

The results of the voting for the three charities for this year, with presentation of cheques in early 2019, was as follows:

- Motor Neurone Disease Association 33 votes
- Macmillan Nurses 26 votes
- Alzheimer's Society 21 votes

These were clearly the most popular choices with the next nearest receiving 18 votes.

*Ann & Ray Hammond*

24 letters in the Greek alphabet

## **“Scones of Praise”**

What a joyful Scones of Praise,  
Funds for Christian Aid to raise.  
From St. Peter's, and St. Andrews too  
United in faith, we love to do.

With our friends we sat at table,  
All of whom were very able  
To share greetings with each other,  
Old and new, it was no bother.

With prayers, and words from your good book,  
And videos to capture how things look  
In countries far who need our care,  
We send all we can to save despair.

We joined in song, and raised the roof,  
The sound was good, (though without proof!)  
The hymns were great, made singing easy,  
It was so very bright and breezy!

Then...WOW! What we'd been waiting for,  
The scones and tea, who could ask for more?  
A very fitting end to a Sunday afternoon,  
We'd like to think it happened more than once in a blue moon!

***Composed by Una Ketteridge***

I would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped  
with the teas and arranged the wonderful worship. *Una*

# ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

## April Draw

94 numbers went into the draw on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

The Winners were:

1st	No. 50	Jeanne Kynoch	£141.00
2nd	No. 46	Heather Carr	£70.50
3rd	No. 67	Ray Hammond	£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)***

30 pieces of silver, the price of Judas Iscariot's betrayal of Jesus



## St Andrew's Granny's Attic

The church shop on Park View, Whitley Bay, has proved to be a great success both financially and community wise. Grateful thanks go to all who helped in so many ways, donating goods, sorting and pricing items, manning the cash desk, transporting purchases to customers etc. It meant a lot of hard work but I think all those involved in running the shop would say it was good fun as well. We met lots of lovely people with some loyal customers returning daily to buy yet more bargains. At the time of writing the amount raised is just over £8,000 – amazing!

## Northumbrian Evening

**Saturday 2nd June, 7.30 pm**

We look forward to an enjoyable evening of traditional entertainment and food.

## Date for the Diary

**Summer Afternoon Service, Monday 16th July, 2.00 pm**

*Ann Hammond*



The Ecumenical Social Committee is holding its annual Wine and Cheese Evening on **Thursday 28th June 2018, 7.30 pm** at St Andrew's Church with entertainment by Mouths of the Tyne Community Choir.

Do come along if you can as this provides an opportunity to meet friends from other churches in our area. Tickets at £4 are available from Ann Hammond and Sue Ames.

# GRANNY'S ATTIC

Well, my Granny never had 'posh' clothes nor household goods in her attic, as seen over recent weeks in the shop on Park View. Did you get to the shop? Well, for a start you couldn't miss it! It was on the corner of Park View (old Ryle's corner) – the signage and window displays couldn't help but catch your eye - wonderful!

The goods were of high quality at bargain prices! The volunteer staff were better sales people than in Harrods or Selfridges – and even Liberty's! (They could have sold sand to the Arabs!)

Joking apart, the shop had a wonderful, friendly atmosphere - a good selling point - and the goods were professionally displayed to catch the customer's eye. Well done, St Andrew's.

The effort put in to make this charity shop into a going concern has been monumental. Congratulations to you all - I'm sure most of the staff would have been in for a bonus if it had been run on a professional basis.

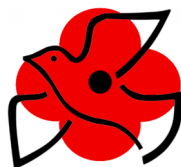
God bless you all! I'm sure the selected charities as well as church funds for 2018 will benefit greatly from your efforts.

**Valerie Taylor**

*Many thanks for the lovely flowers brought to me after my fall. Such a lovely selection and they were very much appreciated.*

*Sheila Smith*

## 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. Those this month are on 12th and 26th June.

*Lucy Cooke*



35 hours to walk from Jerusalem to Damascus



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# Come & Praise!



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

**Sunday 3rd June 2018**

**9.30am – 10am**

*Hot & cold drinks and pastries served afterwards.*

<http://standrewsmonseatonurc.org.uk>



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39 CE – the year Pontius Pilate died in mysterious circumstance

## DEATHS

**WOOSTER** Patricia, on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, aged 74 years.  
Service at St Andrew's on 27<sup>th</sup> April followed by committal at Whitley Bay, conducted by Revd Gordon Connacher.

**KING** David, on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018, aged 85 years.  
Private committal, followed by service at St Andrew's on 11<sup>th</sup> May, conducted by Revd Dr Matthew Prevett.



## Northern Synod Prayer Diary

3	Environment Sunday  Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Gosforth; Revd Peter Holwell (Methodist) and Ms Mary Bellshaw (Community Worker), who are part of the ministry team there. Chair of Newcastle Methodist District, Revd Stephen Lindridge.
10	PCM, the churches in the Limpopo presbyteries in and around Gaza Province. The Anglican Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Tanner.
17	Refugee Week (England and Wales) 19 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June.
24	Stockton URC; St Columba's URC, Billingham; St Andrew's Mission, Thornaby; St George's URC, Hartlepool.

40 days, the recurring time of testing and trial



*The names of those we remember  
this month are*

*Katherine Kay Quinn*

*Jean Bell*

*Hector Jewels*

*Tom Murphy*

*Jenny Murphy*

*Mildred Adamson*

*Kathleen Louise Fraser*

*Kenneth Walton*

*John Burnett-White*

*Sheila McFarlane*

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

<b>Elders</b>	Vestry: J.Blanchfield Reception: M.Varley Communion: L.Cooke
<b>Stewards</b>	Andrew Cooke, 3rd Alison Mood / 10th & 17th Heather Carr / 24th Beryl Thompson
<b>Flowers</b>	Margaret & Joan

## Weekly Duties

<b>Sun 03-June-18</b>	Readers: H.Hall, V.Taylor Prayers of Concern: D.McFarlane	Organ: Hymnal
<b>Tues 05-June-18</b>	Prayers: U.Ketteridge	
<b>Sun 10-June-18</b>	Readers: M.Christopher, C.Hales Prayers of Concern: B.Burgess	Organ: Helen
<b>Tues 12-June-18</b>	Prayers: L. Cooke	
<b>Sun 17-June-18</b>	Readers: Junior Church, D.McFarlane Prayers of Concern: M.Prevett	Organ: Pete
<b>Tues 19-June-18</b>	Prayers: A.Sinclair	
<b>Sun 24-June-18</b>	Readers: J.Hooper, J.Jackson Prayers of Concern: V.Taylor	Organ: Paul
<b>Tues 26-June-18</b>	Prayers: M.Prevett	

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**June / July 2018**

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

Saturday	2	Northumbrian Evening	7.30 pm
Sunday	3	Praise Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Friday	8	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	10	Morning Worship; Mrs Lucy Cooke	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm
Tuesday	12	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
		Knit & Natter Poppy Session	10.00 am
Thursday	14	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	15	Film Club — 'United Kingdom'	2.00 pm
Sunday	17	Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Morning Worship, including Church Meeting; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Friday	22	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	24	Morning Worship; Revd Douglas McFarlane and Revd Gordon Connacher	11.00 am
Tuesday	26	Knit & Natter Poppy Session	10.00 am
Thursday	28	Ecumenical Cheese and Wine Evening	7.30 pm

## JULY 2018

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 & Chip Lunch <u>1.00 for</u>	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