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Dear friends,

It's been quite a year for sport. Whether you follow any particular sport or whether you tend to give it a wide berth, it's undeniable that there has been lots of sport going on this year. From the winter Olympics in South Korea, Wimbledon and the football World Cup, international sport has been kept high in the news. At this international level, we see people who are competing at the top of their sport, pushing the boundaries of what they've done before, with new competitors appearing on the scene, while others fade away as their time has been and gone.

It's clear that to excel a great deal of effort and energy needs to be put in. Research into the latest ideas for training needs to take place. Hours of disciplined practice are essential to hone the skills and improve the technique. A good diet and general exercise are required to ensure that the athletes are kept in good health and able to operate at peak performance.

To be part of a team that succeeds, effort needs to be put in by all. Everyone in a team needs to put in the effort to develop as a team, coached and trained to use the gifts of each other, to support one another, to build one another up, and to seek always to strengthen a position as they seek to be the best they can be. Strong teams find themselves a coach who will lead them in a direction they need to go, and will work with them and other

leaders to ensure that they can learn, develop and grow in the ways they need to go. That old, slightly tacky management mantra rings true: there's no 'I' in 'Team'.

But other athletes and teams don't manage to have this co-operation and rather than being a team, utilising the coaching staff available, do their own thing, being a collection of individuals with their own interests and specialisms, but with little or no intention to sharing in a common endeavour. Failure of the team or athlete is attributed to their individual ego or personal preferences, or poor leadership. The teams that serve double faults, score own goals, or have a shambolic defensive provision can never truly be a team that will succeed without developing and growing in new ways.

Good and strong teams work together, utilise the resources available to them, put in the effort to develop together, learning together and honing the skills and knowledge that will make them stand out and succeed. It's never easy to be successful, but to do so requires cooperation and openness to grow together, and in doing so, becoming a team that can face the challenges that stand before them – on the field, in the boardroom, or in the media.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large 'M' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'w'.

If you and a friend are talking in a car while going 60 mph,
you are truly talking a mile a minute.

*The following was delivered in Sunday
Worship at General Assembly by the Revd
John Proctor Sunday 8 July 2018*

There are two good ways to resist change in the church. One is the jaded way – to point out: We’ve done that before. The other is the bemused way: We’ve never done that before. They work equally well. Either suffices to defuse, deter and divert any thought of innovation.

Familiarity and fear. Fed up with what we’ve tried, fearful of what we haven’t, we stay in our groove until it becomes a grave – a grave for optimism, for hope and for courage.

Perhaps it isn’t at all like that where you come from. But there is a bit of that mood around in many a church. And it does have biblical precedence, starting at Nazareth, no less.

I wonder what kind of footprint Jesus left in Nazareth, what memories, impressions or emotions lingered after he set out on the road. We have little to go on, apart from Jesus’ occasional visit to his home village, to his sending church we might call it, for example in Mark chapter six.

And that day, as Jesus preached, somebody said to their neighbour, you know I pushed him in his pram. I taught him in primary school. He kicked a football through my kitchen window. He used to keep an eye on my sheep. Who does he think he is? Important? Not likely. He’s just a local boy.

‘He was amazed at their unbelief.’ Familiarity. This is Nazareth. We’ve met that before. We can domesticate that challenge. If there’s any novelty in Jesus, people like us have the background, the experience, the savvy, the history, not to take it too seriously. Give me back my groove.

Neil Armstrong was the 1st to land on the moon.
Neil A backwards is Alien. Is this a coincidence?

The other half of the reading might play straight into the second way of resisting change: we've never done that before. He sent the twelve out, two by two. Several chapters earlier Jesus had called them to be with him and to be sent out. So perhaps some of them were tempted to think, Well, we're with him. We've done that bit, quite nicely. Do you think 50% is a pass mark? But now he sent them out, to make inroads of wholeness and hope into the realm of suffering and evil. They would not carry much with them. Sufficiency was ahead, not on board. And although fear is unstated in the text, I think I can smell it between the lines. Can we cope? Will it be difficult? We've never done that before.

Home and away. The domestic, the familiar, the known, the groove – a groove so deep that we stop seeing over the top of it, to God's horizon. Or a way, a road, a journey, into something new – a journey that frightens, but a journey that actually offers much more by way of hope.

Nazareth is a safe place. Jesus had to spend some time there. And so do we. But the way usually seems to lead outwards. There is work to do. There may be changes to embrace. We shall find ways of resisting it if we really want to. But when Jesus sends us, the best thing to do is to travel, in expectancy and confidence and hope. And it's to help each other to do that, and to help thousands of people in our churches to want to do that – that's why we come together at General Assembly.

Thanks be to God.

This has been edited for the purposes of space. The full text can be found on the URC website: https://urc.org.uk/images/General-Assemblies/Assembly2018/Assembly_sermon_-_John_Proctor_8_July_2018.pdf

A year for us is 7 years for a dog, so 1 day for us is like a whole week for them. That's why they freak out every time we get home.



June has been an unusual month for our finances. The income from hall lettings was greatly reduced to £905, mostly due to our regular users having paid up to date in the previous month. Couple with this, a gas bill of £1,821 would have eaten into our surplus from May. However, on the plus side, the investment interest of £2,355 from the Development Fund was paid into the General Fund, and we received a donation of £500 from the Scottish Country Dancing group. Also another £207 was raised from the last days of Granny's Attic, and £593 from the Northumbrian Evening.

In other funds, so far small amounts have been spent on the RARF project, and on our Commitment for Life, I was able to send off another £1,000 to their funds.

Kevin Ames

Month	April	May	June	Year to date
Income	£ 15,624	£ 10,205	£ 7,021	£ 62,970
Expenditure	£ 12,162	£ 8,778	£ 8,582	£ 57,215
Surplus/ Deficit	£ 3,462	£1,427	— £ 1,561	£ 5,755

CHURCH REGISTER

DEATH

JONES Maureen, on 12th June 2018, aged 81 years.
Committal at Whitley Bay on 26th June,
followed by service at St Andrew's,
conducted by Revd Dr Matthew Prevett.

Coconuts are mammals because they have hair and produce milk.

Churches Working Together in Monkseaton

Summer Activity Lunches

Fun, Food, Friends

This Summer from 23rd July 2018 for 6 weeks
12.30pm — 2.00pm



All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Monday

Immaculate Heart of Mary
RC Church
Church Close, NE25 9PG

Tuesday

St Peter's Church
Woodleigh Road, NE25 8ET



Thursday

St Andrew's URC
Eastfield Avenue, NE25 8LU

Friday

St Mary the Virgin
Claremont Gardens, NE26 3SF





The creation of the poppy installation for our Festival of Remembrance and Reconciliation has aroused the interest of several residents and staff at Eastbourne House Care Home on the Links, thanks to the diligence of resident and longstanding St Andrew's member Florence Burnett-White. Unfortunately, the progression of macular degeneration means that Florence herself is unable to knit any of the poppies, but she has been extremely active in promoting the project via the Home's Activities Coordinator, who asked if she could have some of our kits to try out. Within a few days of these being delivered, the Home asked for a further 50 kits!

Regular 'Knit and Natter' sessions are being held, and the participants have become so enthusiastic for their task that they have decided to continue knitting and produce their own display once they have finished the poppies for St Andrew's. Meanwhile, they have expressed a wish to visit us, hopefully by attending one of our services, to see our installation in situ when it is completed.

Carole Mallett

From the Editor



The summer has dried up submissions for the August edition of Newstand. I'm looking forward to you all publicising your activities for the new season next month!

Saying that life is short makes no sense.
It's the longest thing you'll ever experience.

ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

June Draw

94 numbers went into the draw on 24th June.

The Winners were:

1st	No. 4	Douglas McFarlane	£141.00
2nd	No. 90	Anne Cockburn	£70.50
3rd	No. 71	Betty Hall	£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

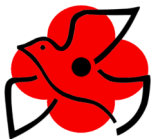
50% towards prize money

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

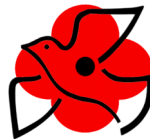
If you are interested in joining the “100 Club”,
please contact:

Kathleen Hopper (2522345)

A birth certificate is basically just a receipt for a baby



**Remembrance & Reconciliation
Festival 2018
26th October - 11th November 2018**

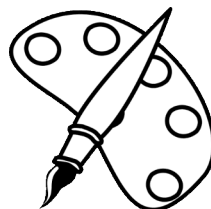


Exhibition Call for Submissions

**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.

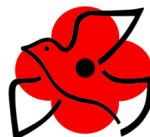


Your subject can be anything linked to the
theme “Remembrance & Reconciliation” so
why not get your paints, pencils, cameras
and clay out and see what you can create?

**Deadline for Submissions
30th September 2018**



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





*The names of those we remember
this month are*

Ada Corby

Rene Bridges

George Dudgeon Russell

Annie (Nancy) Adamson Saunders

Molly Yarrow

Robert Foster Barbour

Betty and Norman Buckle

Northern Synod Prayer Diary

5	The work of Pastoral Committee and its convenor, Revd Stephen Collinson. The Anglican Bishop of Durham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler.
12	Ponteland URC; St John's URC, Wideopen.
19	St George's URC, Morpeth; Great Bavington URC; Widdrington URC.
26	St Aidan's URC, Hexham; Horsley URC; West Denton URC.

Adulthood is realizing that the bottom bunk is actually the better choice

Monthly Duties

Elders	Vestry: B.Hopper Reception: A.Hammond, Communion: V.Taylor
Stewards	C.Purves, A.Stembridge
Flowers	Ann H, Meg & Jenny

Weekly Duties

Sun 05-Aug-18	Readers: P.Hartley, K.Ames Prayers of Concern: H.Hall	Organ: Pete
Tues 07-Aug-18	Prayers: Matthew	
Sun 12-Aug-18	Readers: <i>N/A – Service at St. Peters</i> Prayers of Concern: <i>N/A</i>	Organ: <i>N/A</i>
Tues 14-Aug-18	Prayers: Douglas	
Sun 19-Aug-18	Readers: C.Lynch, C.Fenwick Prayers of Concern: P.C.Moth	Organ: Alex
Tues 21-Aug-18	Prayers: Kathleen	
Sun 26-Aug-18	Readers: B.Burgess, C.Mallett Prayers of Concern: Worship Group	Organ: Susan
Tues 28-Aug-18	Prayers: Carole	
Sun 02-Sep-18	Readers: C.Purves, M.Christopher Prayers of Concern: D.McFarlane	Organ: Paul

Newstand Dates

Next edition, published 4 th Sunday of month	Sunday 26 Aug 2018
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Earlier contributions are appreciated!	

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

August / Sept 2018

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

Children's Summer Activity Lunches

Hosted by churches in Monkseaton throughout August.

Monday: Immaculate Heart; Tuesday: St Peter's;

Thursday: St Andrew's; Friday: St Mary's.

See centre pages for details

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Sunday	5	Praise Service	9.30 am
		NO MEETING OF THE PRAYER GROUP THIS MONTH	
		Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Monday 6 - Friday 10 — Work Week — Sign up sheet in Church			
Sunday	12	Joint Service with St Peter's AT ST PETER'S; Revd Dr M Prevett & Revd P Dobson. NOTE EARLIER TIME. (NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S)	10.30 am
Tuesday	15	Finance Team and Development Fund Management Team Meeting	7.00 pm
Sunday	19	Morning Worship; Revd Peter Moth	11.00 am
Sunday	26	Morning Worship; Worship Group	11.00 am
Tuesday	28	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
SEPTEMBER 2018			
Sunday	2	Praise Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Communion Service; Synod Moderator Revd David Herbert	11.00 am
Thursday	6	Pastoral Team Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	7	Film Club	2.00 pm
Saturday	8	Gilbert & Sullivan Society Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Sunday	9	Morning Worship; Mrs Barbara Allen (Lay Preaching Commissioner)	11.00 am