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Dear friends,

Memories are important. They fill our lives with the experiences of our past, of the people who have touched our lives, and the things and places that have been important to our journey. They fill our minds with the pleasure of special occasions, where we can celebrate anniversaries or have a snapshot of special events. They conjure for us emotions – happy and sad – that reflect our humanity, our joy and our losses. Memories colour who we are now, what we have been through, and how we will face the future.

For the past 18 months or so, my 'Synod' role (my day and a half per week dedicated to work within the Synod) has been working across the Synod to explore how Churches in the area (which covers Northallerton to Berwick) are responding to those living with dementia. This piece of work comes to an end at the October meeting of Synod.

During this time, I've been working with Churches to explore how they provide opportunities for those living with dementia, and what the Church can do to help people share in fellowship and times of faith. For people living with dementia, where memories begin to fade, there is much Churches can do to be a support and guide. Although we've certainly not 'sorted it all out', some worship and pastoral resources are available for Churches in the Synod to help in this ministry.

Whether our memories are strong, or whether they fade, they form a special part of who we are. This is true for us as individuals and as communities – as a Church community we too hold onto memories about where we came from, what

Memories are made of these...

makes us who we are, and what motivates and strengthens us. Sometimes these memories are happy and are times of celebration. Other times, they remind us of sadness, of decline or things that used to be.

As Christians, we live a faith that calls us to remember. The night before he died, Jesus shared a meal and invited his disciples to 'Do this in remembrance of me.' We share in the feast of Jesus when we share in Communion together – breaking bread and pouring out wine – and when we do, we remember that he died for us.

But we aren't people of selective memory – we can't remember just the meal or the sacrifice. The narrative of sadness, of decline, of hopelessness and suffering was not the end, but was the beginning of the mystery of new life that came with the resurrection. And now we remember not just the institution of that meal, but we remember the empty tomb, the hands being shown to the doubting disciple, the lakeside fish breakfast and the glorious ascension.

Our memory of our life as a Church and as a Christian community forms who we are – the challenges, concerns, celebrations and changes. We are called to remember, to delve into our memories, to recall the snapshots of our life as community and as Church and be strengthened by what they say to us. But we're called to make new memories, to live in the 'now' and not in the 'then' – to face the changing world, bringing with us the memories of the past as we look towards our future.

Blessings

Matthew

Senility: The pleasantly rueful experience of forgetting what we've forgotten.

Friday 12th October 2.00pm

The film gives a rare glimpse into the relationship between children's author A.A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh.

GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN MARGOT ROBBIE

KELLY MACDONALD

DOMHNALL GLEESON

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

The Magpie

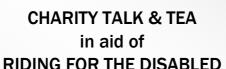
The magpie perched on the rail of the dock. All was quiet save the tick of the clock. "You are charged," said the judge, looking to his left, "with the heinous crime of abduction and theft. Call the first witness. let him be heard." and into the box hopped Billy Blackbird. "Now, Mr Blackbird, the truth and no lies," as the magpie scanned round him with two beady eyes. Poor Billy, he stood there with two trembling legs, "He robbed me, Your Worship, of five new-laid eggs." "If this be the truth, it's a dastardly deed. You've heard the evidence, magpie, how do you plead?" "Guilty," said the magpie, as cool as can be, "I fed them to my young in the old elm tree." "Diabolical!" cried the judge as the court clock struck nine. "You are solely responsible for the songbird's decline." "Not so," croaked the magpie, "I strongly disagree. Why isn't Harry Hawk standing alongside of me? And what of pesticides, man and the gun? I kill for necessity, you kill for fun. Then there's the pollution, the oil slicks at sea. You're more guilty than I, so why pick on me?" "Rubbish!" cried the judge, as he gave a loud snort, "I am charging you, magpie, with contempt of court." "There's no justice here, I fear the worst, with persecution we have ever been cursed. I reiterate, Your Honour, your ruling's absurd, to lay the whole blame on a black and white bird. I'm sorry I made Billy Blackbird cry, but I cannot stand and watch my little chicks die. As far as I'm concerned, this court case is through." as away and out of the window he flew.

This poem was featured in the Evening Chronicle 'Readers' Poems' section a few years ago, having been submitted by Ray Spoors, Poplar Road, Winlaton.

The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.



Whitley Bay & Monkseaton Trefoil Guild



on

Thursday 11th October 2018

2pm



at St Andrew's URC Entrance £2 ALL WELCOME



GUIDING FOR ADULTS

ACTIVITIES TEAM

On **Saturday 6th October**, **10 am – 2 pm** St Andrew's Art Club will be holding their annual **Art Exhibition and Sale**. Do come along if you can to browse and/or buy plus enjoy coffee and light lunches.

Dates for the diary:

Harvest Afternoon Service – Monday 15th October 2 pm

Festival of Remembrance and Reconciliation – Saturday 27th October to Sunday 11th November

Church Fair - Saturday 24th November

Ann Hammond

Creditors have better memories than debtors.

St Andrew's 58 Society

Established 1958

2018/19 Season

A very warm welcome to the new 2018/2019 season of the St Andrew's 58 Society.

This new season starts on 15th October with a talk about the Theatre Royal Newcastle by the engaging speaker -Pat Stevens.

Hazel Hall has done a wonderful job in putting together a very interesting series of events and these are the first four events booked for this new season:-

- Theatre Royal Pat Stevens 15th October
- Grandad's War Alison Houston 29th October
- African Adventure Ann and Ray Hammond -November 12th
- Cobles, Creels and Clogs Hilary and Hazel -November 26th

<u>All start at 7:30pm in the Church Hall on every</u> other Monday, followed by a cuppa and a biscuit (or two) along with a chance to have a good natter.

Derek will be accepting membership fees at the door. You will doubtless be pleased to hear that our fees remain unchanged from last year at just $\pounds 12$ - for the whole season (renewal members and new members). However if you want to "test the water"- you are most welcome to attend on a guest basis for $\pounds 2$ for your first visit.

> A good storyteller is a person with a good memory and hopes other people haven't.

Christmas Party and Dinner

This year it will be on Monday 10th December in the Church Hall.

Tickets are at the wonderfully low price of only £16 for 2 courses and £17:50 for 3 courses including liquid refreshments. The caterer will be providing table service, so that you can enjoy your meal in a relaxing and warm atmosphere. Derek will be looking for numbers from 15^{th} October, so please book early so that the caterer can organise the right number of staff.

For those who would not otherwise be able to attend, we have limited transport available. If you do require this please contact Richard Varley on 253 2237 or 07989 442 843.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Hope 6 — Budget

Month	June	July	August	Year to date
Income	£7,021	£ 9,137	£ 10,262	£ 82,119
Expenditure	£ 8,582	£ 7,182	£ 8,280	£ 72,677
Surplus/ Deficit	-£ 1,561	£ 1,955	£ 1,982	£ 9,442

Put it out of your mind; in no time, it will be a forgotten memory.



Our grateful thanks in anticipation. Lynne Chisholm

The short memories of voters is what keeps our politicians in office.

HARVEST AFTERNOON SERVICE

On Monday 15th October at 2.00 pm a Harvest 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 the Easter, Summer and Advent Afternoon Services, the Activities Team will be serving refreshments afterwards.

> Ray Hammond Church Secretary

THANK YOU!

All across Monkseaton and beyond people of all ages have been knitting, crocheting and sewing, and the pile of poppies has



been growing and growing. It will soon be time for us to reveal just how many poppies we have created and to see the outcome of all your hard work. For now, a heartfelt thank you to Una for all her hard work to make this possible and to everyone who has contributed. One poppy or many poppies, each will have its place in a unique and thought provoking work of art. I for one am very excited to see the end result and I hope you all are too!

Lucy Cooke

The chance of forgetting something is directly proportional to... to...

Remembrance & Reconciliation Festival 27th October - 11th November 2018 Highlights



It's almost time for our festival of Remembrance & Reconciliation. With so much going on over the fortnight, what are the highlights?

Crafted Poppies

Come and see just what we have done with all your crafted poppies and be inspired and enthralled. On display in the church throughout the festival.

Talks by Guest Speakers

Consider a different perspective, as we explore peace and reconciliation and what that means for us today. *Details on the centrefold pull out programme.*

Exhibition

Explore art work, poetry and more connected to our theme of Remembrance & Reconciliation and make your own response on the day. *Open at various times throughout the festival*.

Music

As we bring our festival to a close, immerse yourself in the beautiful music of Mozart and Parry. You can even participate by joining the choir either in advance or on the day. *Details at bit.ly/RARF-Concert*

It promises to be a thought provoking and inspiring 2 weeks. We look forward to seeing you all!

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.



Remembrance & Reconciliation Festival 2018 27th October - 11th November 2018



Newstand Special Edition Pull-out and Keep



Welcome to your special edition pull out programme. Inside you will find your diary for the 2 week festival including details of talks and events.





Saturday 27th October - Sunday 4th November 2018

Sat	27	Festival Opening Coffee Morning	10am
Sun	28	Café Style Morning Worship	11am
		Evening Service	6.30pm
Tues	30	Exhibition open to the public	10am -
		Talk: Cyril Lomax: Life at the Somme 1916	noon
		Friends of Washington Old Hall	7.30pm
Wed	31	Creative Writing Workshop	10am
			& 2pm
Thurs	1	Exhibition open to the public	10am -
			noon
Fri	2	Talk: Family History Exploration	2pm
		Alison Houston	
		Talk: First World War Poetry	7.30pm
		Alan Campbell, MP for Tynemouth	
Sat	3	Talk: World War Two. Same-sex desire in the	7.30pm
		British Armed Forces.	
		Dr Emma Vickers, Senior Lecturer in History Liverpool John Moore's University.	
Sun	4	Come & Praise Worship	9.30am
		Communion Service	11am



Monday 5th November - Sunday 11th November 2018

Mon	5	Talk: Christian Peace Activism Dr Daniel Laqua, Head of History Northumbria University	7.30pm
Wed	7	Historical Exploration with the Time Bandits (sessions for schools and community groups)	Morning & Afternoon
		"Voices of Remembrance & Reconciliation" Poetry & creative writing readings	7.30pm
Thurs	8	Historical Exploration with the Time Bandits (sessions for schools and community groups	Morning & Afternoon
		Talk : Women's Peace Movement Dr Sarah Hellawell, Lecturer in Modern British History, Sunderland University	7.30pm
Fri	9	Historical Exploration with the Time Bandits (sessions for schools and community groups)	Morning
		Friendship Club Festival Session	2pm
Sat	10	Ecumenical Act of Remembrance (Monkseaton)	11am
		Concert of Remembrance & Reconciliation	7.30pm
Sun	11	Remembrance Sunday Parade Service	11am
		Messy Church	3.30pm



Do you enjoy choral singing?

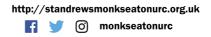
Join with singers from all over the region to perform Mozart's Requiem & Parry's Blest Pair of Sirens.

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 (4pm–6pm Saturday 20th October & 4pm–6pm Saturday 3rd November) and be available for the afternoon and evening of the 10th November 2018.

Details of rehearsals and how to register to join the choir can be found at <u>bit.ly/RARF-Concert</u>

Further information is also available by contacting Lucy Cooke at communitymonkseatonurc@gmail.com Or online at http://standrewsmonkseatonurc.org.uk/stan-rarf2018music



EASTBOURNE HOUSE POPPIES FROM ONE HOME TO ANOTHER

I wrote in the August edition of Newstand about the residents and staff at Eastbourne House who had taken up their knitting needles in order to help with the production of poppies for our Festival of Remembrance and Reconciliation. Last weekend, Una Ketteridge and I went to Eastbourne House to thank them for all their hard work, and collect the fruits of their labours. We were thrilled to discover that a total of 243 poppies had been produced, and laid out for us very artistically on one large and two smaller tables (see picture below). On the large table, the poppies had been arranged to spell out the initials E B H (for EastBourne House).

Several of the poppies had been made by a lady who was almost blind, and as well as the residents and staff, the army of knitters had included the Wellbeing Co-ordinator's sister-in-law who is a mobile hairdresser, together with some of her clients, so the net had spread



beyond even the walls of Eastbourne House! We had a lovely afternoon. grateful and our thanks go to all involved those in achieving this excellent result.

Carole Mallett

First you forget names, then you forget faces... next you forget to pull your zipper up and finally, you forget to pull it down.

Harvest Coffee

Morning Saturday October 13th 10.00 to 12 noon

Please join the Flower Team for coffee and cake as they arrange the flowers for the Harvest Festival Service.

There will be a cake and preserves stall Money and gifts will be collected for

The People's Kitchen



The People's Kitchen gratefully receive all gifts, but here is the Harvest Festival Wish List 2018

HARVEST FESTIVAL WISH LIST 2018

MAIN MEAL: Tinned meat – stewing steak, corned beef, hot dogs, tinned beef burgers, mince, Irish stew, tinned chilli

COOKING INGREDIENTS: Sugar, salt and pepper, spray cooking oil, dumpling mix, sage and onion stuffing, dried fruit, mixed spice, cocoa, desiccated coconut, cooking chocolate, tubs of soft butter or margarine

DRINKS: Hot – Tea bags, instant coffee, Instant drinking chocolate. Cold – Orange squash

BREAKFAST: Individual packs of cereal

TINNED VEGETABLES: Mixed vegetables, garden peas, processed peas, chick peas, butter beans.

SOUP: Lentil, vegetable, mushroom (condensed), leek and potato, Scotch broth

PUDDINGS: Tinned/instant custard, tinned rice, peaches, fruit cocktail, apricots, jam, golden syrup, honey, large tins of evaporated milk, long life milk

HOUSEHOLD: J Cloths - blue, red, green. Large pan scrubs. Large freezer bags. Washing powder/tablets — preferably non-scented

TOILETRIES: Deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, shaving cream/gel, men's and ladies' razors

CLOTHING -NEW: Tracksuit bottoms, T shirts, boxer shorts, socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, waterproof jackets

PERSONAL LOCKERS



In the storeroom, between the Lounge and the Vestry, there is now a unit with four lockers.

These lockers are available for the safe keeping of personal belongings, only whilst the owner is on the premises.

They are NOT to be used for long term storage.

Ray Hammond Church Secretary

(Church Calendar — November 2018			
Thurs	1	Exhibition open to the public (until 12 noon)	10.00 am	
		Pastoral Team Meeting	7.30 pm	
Sun	4	Praise Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am	
		Prayer Group	10.30 am	
		Communion Service; Revd Douglas McFarlane	11.00 am	
		Retirement lunch for Revd Douglas McFarlane	12.30 pm	
Tues	6	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am	
Fri	9	Friendship Club Festival Session	2.00 pm	
Sat	10	Ecumenical Act of Remembrance (Monkseaton)	11.00 am	
Sun	11	Remembrance/Parade Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am	
		Messy Church	3.30 pm	

I constantly walk into a room and I don't remember why; but for some reason, I think there's going to be a clue in the fridge.



Marriage is the alliance of two people, one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other never forgets them. Two years ago a young couple, Damita and Graham, came to St. Andrew's one Sunday. They had intended to go to the Methodist church, but got up too late and so came to us. I invited them to join our table for coffee



and got talking, asking if they lived locally and also their names.

The young lady asked if I still worked and when I told her I was retired she asked where I have worked. I told her I had worked latterly at Newcastle General Hospital. Damita then told me she had been a patient at NGH 23 years ago after a major car accident. I suddenly realised she had indeed been a patient whilst I was Chaplain at NGH and I had been at her 18th birthday party to celebrate her recovery and to raise money for charity.

This is a little of the story of Damita and Graham who continued to worship here for the two years before their marriage here on 1^{st} September — almost 25 years after Damita was in a road accident and suffered such major injuries that she was not expected to live. After more than 6 months in rehabilitation Damita began to pick up her life and education.

Interestingly, Graham discovered some connections to St. Andrew's as some of his older relatives came here before moving to Canada when Graham was born.

Help a man when he is in trouble and he will remember you when he is in trouble again. So on 1st September we were able to celebrate a wonderful wedding with Matthew officiating at the service, and St. Andrew's complimented on their welcoming and friendly approach by all the guests.

Was it coincidence or miracle that brought them to St. Andrew's?

God moves in mysterious ways.

Pat Wardle

Dear Friends,

I am writing to tell you how pleased I was to be formally invited to become a member of the United Reformed Church congregation. I very much enjoyed the membership ceremony. I was a lovely welcome and reinforced the feelings of happiness and peace that I have experienced since first coming to your church four years ago. I feel privileged to join and look forward to our continued friendship.

Meg Díckínson

Education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten.

BAPTISM

DIXON On Sunday 26th August 2018, in church, by Dr Ann Sinclair, Lily Bloom, infant daughter of Philip and Mary Dixon.



DONKIN – LOREILHE On Saturday 1st Sept. 2018, in church, by Revd Dr Matthew Prevett, Graham Philippe Donkin to Damita-Jo Loreilhe.

Northern Synod Prayer Diary

7	Synod meeting on the 13 th October; Moderator's
	Secretary, Mrs Wendy Watson; Trust Officer, Mr Andrew
	Atkinson; Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Hogg; Ecumenical
	Officer, Mr Andy Lie.

Prisons Week (England and Wales) 8th – 14th October.
The work of Mission Committee and its convenor, Revd
Meg Robb.

21 Berwick URC; Crookham URC; Revd Mary Taylor; Wooler URC, Erskine & St Cuthbert's URC, Belford, and North Sunderland URC.

28 West End URC; Jesmond URC; Robert Stewart Memorial URC, Newcastle; Revd Meg Robb; Ms Ann Honey (Church Related Community Work Minister).

Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in the memory as the wish to forget it.

The names of those we remember this month are Charles Gordon Mallett Edward Rye Eleanor Jackson Isabella Físher Henry Brandon Mary Brandon Anne Robson Iack Pearson **Peggy** Pearson Hughína Símpson Winifred Charlton Winifred Emily Rye Edith Robson Joan Mary Forster Joy Adamson William Malcolm Dickinson

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She has a photogenic memory.

Monthly Duties			
Elders	Vestry: Reception: Communion:		
Stewards	M.Brown, P.W	/ardle	
Flowers	2-Beryl/Mary,	9-Susans A&C/Gillian,16/23-Una/Ingrid	

Weekly Duties			
Tues 02-Oct-18	Prayers: Douglas		
Sun 07-0ct-18	Readers: G.Mills, C.Mallett Prayers of Concern: Barbara Burgess	Organ: Hymnal	
Tues 09-0ct-18	Prayers: Carole		
Sun 14-Oct-18	Readers: Unif. Orgs., C.Hales Prayers of Concern: Hazel Hall	Organ: Pete	
Tues 16-0ct-18	Prayers: Una		
Sun 21-Oct-18	Readers: Junior Church, J.Hooper Prayers of Concern: Worship Leader	Organ: Paul	
Tues 23-0ct-18	Prayers: Matthew		
Sun 28-Oct-18	Readers: A.Mood, A.Cockburn Prayers of Concern: Valerie Taylor	Organ: Alex	
Tues 30-0ct-18	Prayers: Lucy		

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

October 2018

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

Tues	2	Worship Group Meeting	7.30 pm		
Sat	6	Art Exhibition	10.00 am		
Sun	7	Praise Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am		
		Prayer Group	10.30 am		
		Communion Service;	11.00 am		
		Revd Dr Matthew Prevett			
Fri	12	Friendship Club & Film Club combined – 'Goodbye Christopher Robin'	2.00 pm		
Sat	13	Harvest Coffee Morning	10.00 am		
Sun	14	Harvest/Parade Service;	11.00 am		
		Revd Dr Matthew Prevett			
		Messy Church	3.30 pm		
Mon	15	Afternoon Harvest Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	2.00 pm		
		Fifty-Eight Society – 'The Theatre Royal'	7.30 pm		
Thurs	18	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm		
Sun	21	Communion Service; Revd Douglas McFarlane	9.30 am		
		Morning Worship; Revd E Marley	11.00 am		
Mon	22	Activities Team Meeting	1.30 pm		
Wed	24	Coast Mission Partnership (Joint Elders) Meeting at St Columba's	7.30 pm		
Fri	26	Friendship Club	2.00 pm		
FESTIVA	FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECONCILIATION – 27 TH OCTOBER – 11 TH NOVEMBER. FOR DETAILS OF PROGRAMME PLEASE SEE CENTRE PAGES				
Sat	27	Festival Opening Coffee Morning	10.00 am		
Sun	28	Cafe Style Morning Worship; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am		
		Evening Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	6.30 pm		
Mon	29	Fifty Eight Society – 'My Granddad's War'	7.30 pm		
Tues	30	Exhibition open to the public (until 12 noon)	10.00 am		
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