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Dear friends,

February seems to be a slow and challenging time. It's the shortest of our months yet seems to drag and to give us little by way of positive outlook. The appearance in the middle of February of Valentine's Day can be all that there is to spark anything notable in the month. Christmas seems a distant memory while the summer's sun seems an eternity away.

It is, perhaps, a good time to get away. An opportunity to head for some 'winter sun' or to visit friends or relatives. It's a chance to be renewed and refreshed and to seek ways forward. We can find ourselves bogged down by the world, by the prospect of the future, through the relentlessness of what is to come. In our politics and in our Church life, I'm sure we can relate to that.

In a sermon to the Cambridge Theological Federation one February, John Proctor (now the General Secretary of the United Reformed Church) reminded us of the wisdom "never to make a major decision in February." His thinking, along with others, is that by February the season of joy and excitement for Christmas has faded away, resolutions have been broken, the weather has dug in at its worse, and although days are getting longer, there's still gloom and darkness. February is a time when we can feel at our lowest and our least energetic. February can hold us back from our potential and our best. February clouds our possibilities and overshadows our promise.

Something grammatical walked into a bar and got punctuated...

But it doesn't have to be that way – there is possibility and opportunity around us all the time. There's possibility of what might come from a positive interaction with a neighbour or friend. There's the possibility of how the world can be transformed by love. There's opportunity to see the world differently or to encounter others who can give us new wisdom or share with us their stories of hurt, alienation and oppression. There's opportunity to be people who can act for the wellbeing of all not just some. There's opportunity to think of the other and not of the self. We can encourage and support one another in living out a life of love and fellowship.

We may be advised against making “major decisions” in February, but that doesn't prevent us from making positive steps in our lives and the lives of our community. For so many in our world, there is a need to show love and hope. And as a Christian community, it is our responsibility to live out the gospel – to show God's blessings to the weakest, the poorest, the most vulnerable, the most vilified and the oppressed. For we are called not to ask which of us is the greatest, but to show love, support and encouragement to those around us. Living the gospel isn't a “major decision” we should put off, but is something we should do day-in, day-out.

Blessings,

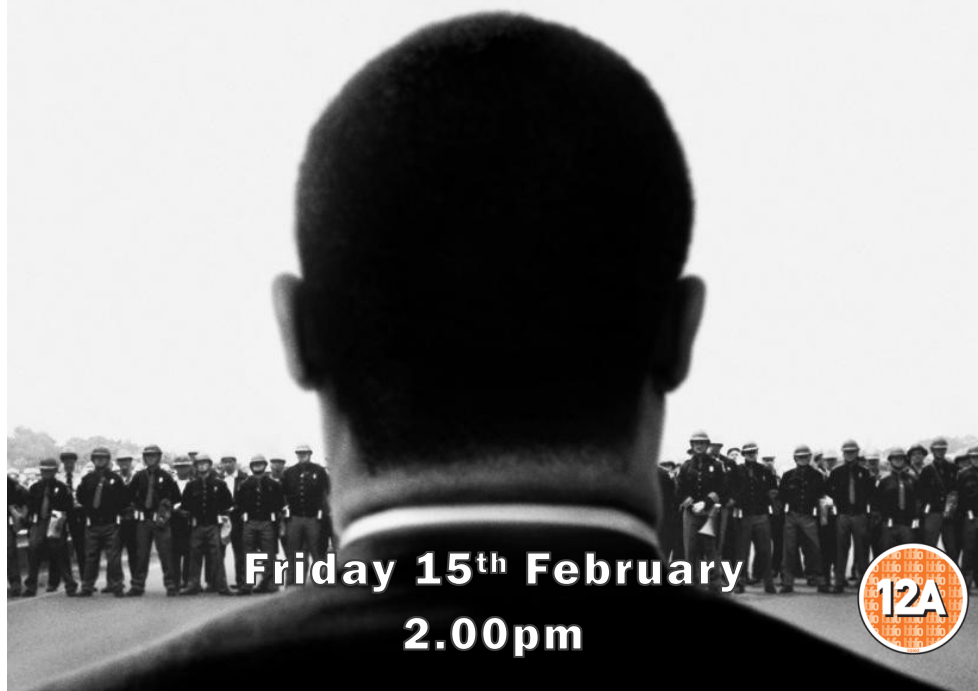
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'M' and 'A'.

A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.

**ONE DREAM
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD**

SELMA

This true story chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965 when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition and which culminated in one of the most significant victories for the Civil Rights Movement.



**Friday 15th February
2.00pm**



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

Resignation of the Revd Dr M Prevett



On Sunday 2nd December I, like many others in the congregation, was taken aback at our Minister's announcement towards the end of the service that he was resigning and therefore I failed to fully take in at the time the announcement until seeing it in black and white in the January edition of Newstand. Having now had time to reflect on the statement, as well as hearing the views of other members, I would say that what he said are his personal views and are not necessarily the views of myself or others. It is, I believe, a case where there are two sides to every story but it is not my intention here to go through each of Matthew's points in detail.

It is most disappointing if the initial expectations of Matthew and St Andrew's have not turned out to be what each expected. However, we at St Andrew's can be most grateful to Matthew for much that he has done, and to great effect, within his time with us. It is sad to think that for 18 out of the 36 months he has felt dissatisfied and been unable to express such views to us. However, be that as it may, we at St Andrew's do wish him a speedy recovery and wish him well in the search for a position where he feels able to pursue the ministry to which he believes he is called.

Ray Hammond
Church Secretary

A bar was walked into by the passive voice.



The following has been received from GNAA

Dear Mr Hammond,

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Great North Air Ambulance Service, for the recent generous donation of £265.00 which was raised by members of St Andrew's Church Monkseaton as a result of their annual carol singing.

Your donation will have an impact on the lives of people across the region; people such as Steven Higgins, who was flown to hospital by the charity following a serious crash on the A66. Steven was assessed and treated by the GNAAS trauma team, then transferred to James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough, where he spent two weeks in intensive care and three months in hospital. Steven said: "I would be dead without GNAAS. It's a brilliant charity."

Last year we were called out 1072 times across our region. To enable us to continue to provide this service, we must raise more than £5m every year. We couldn't be there for people like Steven without the generosity of the communities we serve and greatly appreciated contributions such as yours.

Once more, thank you for your support, we couldn't continue to operate without you. We appreciate all donations and will never pressurise our supporters into giving more. If for any reason you would like to get in touch, please call us on 01325-487263 or visit www.gnaas.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Leonard, On behalf of Great North Air Ambulance Service

An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening.

58 Society 4th Meeting
Monday, 26th November 2018

Cobles, Creels and Clogs

This talk was on the history of Cullercoats Bay, presented by Hilary and Hazel.

They were dressed in Cullercoats traditional fishwives dress, taking us from the days when coal from Whitley Colliery was shipped out through Cullercoats, along with the salt, panned above the Smugglers Cave along to the colliery which closed when it became a fishing port with a big fleet of cobles, with distinctive square sails. These returned full of fish, which the fishwives sold from their baskets, from a barrow at Whitley Bay Station and as far away as Gosforth, travelling by the colliery line. They also sold fish around the doors. In the 1800's, they made clogs but the fishwives did not wear them, except for dancing. The rhythms from the clog steps influenced the dance music.

Hilary and Hazel accompanied their talk with music and video, describing the life at the time and the clothes that they wore.

58 Society 5th Meeting
Monday, 10th December 2018

58 Society Christmas Party

This was a great success, with 38 members having fun and enjoying a very good meal.

We challenged our brains with two quizzes provided by Catriona Fenwick and Joan Yarrow and celebrated the story of Christmas with carol singing accompanied by Paul Hartley on the piano.

Two quotation marks walk into a "bar."

58 Society 5th Meeting
Monday, 7th January 2019

Queen Victoria with Professor John Derry

We were pleased to welcome Professor John Derry back, for what has become an annual visit. His first talk to St Andrew's 58 Society was in 2003.

Queen Victoria was born on 24 May 1819. Shortly after that, her father died suddenly and she became heir to the throne. She was a talented artist and a natural diarist. She kept a journal throughout her life. On William IV's death, in 1837, she became Queen. In the early part of her reign she was influenced by two men – the prime minister, Lord Melbourne and then her husband, Prince Albert, whom she married in 1840. Together, they had nine children. Most of their children married into other Royal families in Europe.

Victoria was very attached to her husband, who died when he was 42, in 1861. Afterwards, she always wore black.

She reigned for almost 64 years and was the longest serving monarch, before she died in 1901. Now our present queen, Elizabeth II holds that record. Victoria's eldest son, Prince Albert Edward succeeded her, known as Edward VII.

This was a fascinating talk by Professor John Derry. An hour passed very quickly! Many of us thought we knew quite a lot about Queen Victoria, but were astonished and delighted to learn so much more! This amazing gentleman will be back to talk to us, early next season. 41 members and guests were present.

Celia Purves

Hyperbole totally rips into this insane bar
and absolutely destroys everything.

I would like to thank everyone in the church for making Annabelle's christening such a happy, warm experience. The family found the church very welcoming and thought Lucy's service was excellent.

Many thanks for all the flowers received on the day.

Christine Lynch

To Catriona and the Flower Team,
Many thanks for the lovely flowers brought to me by Bill Hopper, cheering me up when I was feeling rather poorly. Also for the beautiful bouquet of my favourite coloured flowers given to me for helping to lead worship on Sunday 20th Jan.

Una



Hope 6 - Budget

Month	December	Year to date
Income	£10,787	£117,393
Expenditure	£10,505	£105,925
Surplus/Deficit	£282	£11,468

A question mark walks into a bar?



I must update you on my position with the United Reformed Communications Committee as I have reluctantly had to resign from this interesting and innovative committee as it is London and Cambridge based and the logistics now of being down in these cities overnight, is not possible.

However, my two years meeting past and present Moderators, and getting to know the Communications and Publications staff at Church House has given me a real insight into the hard work this National Committee does. They are responsible for the publication and distribution of Reform. They also communicate with the area Synods and individual churches around the country; not an easy job but a fulfilling one.

Closer to home, I am still involved as a Public Governor for Whitley Bay with Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust and I hope you will all bring any queries about your care, appointment process etc to me and I will try to point you in the right direction.

The recent NHS Helpforce Campaign launched by the Daily Mail just before Christmas has now generated

A non sequitur walks into a bar.
In a strong wind, even turkeys can fly.

~28,000 people coming forward to all NHS Trusts, offering their services to the varying facets of the Health Service. This indeed has been an amazing and successful initiative and we wish everyone luck with it.

Locally the Northumbria Healthcare Trust have a very successful Hospital Voluntary Service and many of you will have witnessed the kindness and helpfulness of the volunteers at North Tyneside Hospital and the welcoming cafe at the entrance which is run by the HVS.

It is this kind of selfless giving of time and skills to all organisations which is the backbone of our society and brings people together in so many unimaginable but creative ways and this can help healing both spiritually and mentally after the medics have done their job.

As a new year progresses we have the opportunity to 'reach out' through our church and into the Community, and forge new links and friendships, through the interesting and diverse groups who use our premises, which is vital for the wellbeing of the area the church serves. We look forward to a year of staging our annual and popular fund raising events, our social calendar through the Activities Team and embracing new ideas that come along.

Heather Carr

A mixed metaphor walks into a bar,
seeing the handwriting on the wall but hoping to nip it in the bud.

No Complaints

Sheila Blackwood

I've got these twinges in me knees,
 And in me fingers, if you please.
 And, furthermore, the cat's got fleas.
 And yet I don't complain.

I've been short-changed at Sainsbury's Store.
 And trapped me finger in the door.
 And just spill treacle on the floor.
 But still I don't complain.

Last night the tank burst - what a splash!
 Bet that'll cost a lot of cash.
 And now I've come out in a rash.
 But why should I complain?

The man next door walks with a stick.
 The girl from up the road is sick.
 And poor old Bill - he's in the nick!
 I'd better not complain!!

A comma splice walks into a bar, it has a drink and then leaves.

Psalm 23 A psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads beside peaceful streams.
He renews my strength.
He guides me along right paths,
bringing honour to his name.
Even when I walk through the darkest valley
I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.
Your rod and staff protect and comfort me.
You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.
You honour me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
And I will live in the house of the Lord forever. Amen

New Living Translation 2nd Edition

Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar and loved of all the psalms in the Bible. In the Psalm, the Lord is seen as a caring shepherd and a dependable guide. David wrote this Psalm drawing on his own early years' experience as a shepherd. Sheep are completely dependent on the shepherd for guidance and protection. In the Gospel of John, Chapter 10:11, Jesus is called the Good Shepherd and the Great Shepherd in Hebrews Chapter 13:20 and also in 1 Peter Chapter 5:4. As the Lord Jesus Christ is the good shepherd so we are his sheep...not frightened animals but obedient



Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar.
They sit. They converse. They depart.

followers with the wisdom to follow Him who leads us to the right places and in the right ways. God is our shepherd and promises to guide and protect those who believe and repent their sins. God promises to bring us to His house forever ... trust in God with all your being.

This version of Psalm 23 is from the New Living Translation of the Bible. There are other versions of the Bible that include King James version; The Jerusalem Bible, and the Message, a modern-day translation of the Bible. The words may vary in translation however the message never grows old and remains the same as when it was first written. Why don't you look at Psalm 23 in your version of the Bible?

Prayer

Loving and gracious God there has never been a time when you have not guided and protected us.

You know each and every one of us and call us by name.

You know our fears and anxieties, our failures and weaknesses;

You know our hopes and our dreams.

Loving God hold us in Your care.

Your strength comforts and encourages us.

May Your guiding hand direct us and protect us.

Give us confidence to let go of our doubts, of our own plans and hopes.

Give us confidence to trust You and obediently follow You.

Loving and gracious God may we place our life in Your hands, for You, in love reach out to each one of us.

Amen

Submitted by the Hope 4 Team

A synonym strolls into a tavern.



First of all, a big thank you to all who supported St Andrew's Carol Singers in December. Apart from houses in the area we also sang at Omni Café and Red House Restaurant and in total an excellent amount of £265 was raised for the Great North Air Ambulance.

Games Evening

Fun and games for all ages take place on Saturday 16th February at 4.30 pm when we will be playing Dominoes and Beetle and having a Fish & Chip Supper. Tickets at £6 (children £3) are now available and selling well.

Date for the Diary

Craft Fair – Saturday 13th April, 10 am – 2 pm

Ann Hammond

<p>ST. ANDREW'S GUILD. ANNUAL BURNS SUPPER, 18th JAN., 1949.</p> <p>Programme</p>		<p>Found in the box for the original Book of Remembrance – the programme for the Annual Burns Supper of St. Andrew's Guild held on 18th January, 1949, with a full set of toasts, replies and dances, as well as musical items by the choir!</p>
<p>Piping in the Haggis "To a Haggis" Grace (Chairman)</p>	<p>Sgt. Burton Mr. J. E. Brown Mr. W. Cunningham</p>	
<p>:: SUPPER ::</p>		
<p>INTERVAL - PIPE SELECTIONS</p>		
<p>Toast "The King" "The Immortal Memory" Musical Item Dance Toast "The Lassies" Musical Item In Reply to "The Lassies" Dance Toast "Our Guests"</p>	<p>Chairman Mr. J. H. Dargie Choir Miss N. Scott Mr. W. Hope Choir Mr. F. Short Miss N. Scott Mr. A. Webb</p>	

At the end of the day, a cliché walks into a bar – fresh as a daisy, cute as a button, and sharp as a tack.



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ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

December Draw

91 numbers went into the draw on 31st December.

The Winners were:

1st	No. 103	John Scrafton	£136.50
2nd	No. 47	Barbara Watson	£68.25
3rd	No. 44	Meg Dickinson	£22.75

£227.50 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 run-on sentence walks into a bar it starts flirting.
With a cute little sentence fragment.



BAPTISM

LYNCH on 16th December 2018,
in church, by Mrs Lucy Cooke,
Annabelle Cordelia Christie,
infant daughter of Philip Carroll and
Jane Lynch.

DEATH

PACKER Dorothy Paterson, on 26th December 2018,
aged 91 years.
Service and committal at Whitley Bay
on 7th January 2019, conducted by
Revd Gordon Connacher.

NEWSTAND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

A further reminder for annual subscribers to Newstand
that the payment of £6.60 was due at the end of January.
If you have not already paid, would you please arrange for
the money to be given to your distributor (or to me if you
normally pay direct) as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Carole Mallett
Newstand Business Manager

Falling slowly, softly falling, the chiasmus collapses to the bar floor.

We remember in our prayers week by week the churches of the Synod, Synod officers, groups and committees. We also remember significant dates in the church and world calendars.



3	Christ Church LEP (Methodist/URC), North Broomhill; Revd Linda Coulthard (Methodist); Synod Mission Enabler, Revd Jane Rowell.
10	Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Ashington; St Andrew's & St Mark's LEP (Methodist/URC), Newbiggin-by-the-Sea; Revd Marie Attwood (Methodist)
17	Racial Justice Sunday. Spring Synod Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey (19-21 February). Waddington Street URC, Durham; St Andrew's Dawson Street, Crook LEP (Methodist/URC); Revd Ray Anglesea; Revd Christopher Humble (Methodist).
24	PCM, the four Presbyterian Societies: Men's, Women's, Youth and Activists Group (young marrieds) and for our own fundraising for PCM. Fair Trade Fortnight: (25 February – 10 March). The Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Diocese, the Rt Revd Christine Hardman. Women's World Day of Prayer (1 March), theme 'Come – Everything is Ready!'

The full Northern Synod prayer diary can be found on their website: <http://urc-northernsynod.org/category/prayer-cycle/>

A figure of speech literally walks into a bar and ends up getting figuratively hammered.



*The names of those we remember
this month are*

Peter Mallett

Sylvia Sadler Laws

Leslie C. Heighton

Fred Philipson Dodsworth

Beatrice Mary Dodsworth

Kenneth Roy Dodsworth

Margaret McDonald Waugh

Elsie Isobel Russell

William Mackay Adamson

George Duncan Winton

Norma Ridley

Helen Doo



Monthly Duties

Elders	Vestry: S Ames Reception: P Hartley Communion: M Varley
Stewards	U Ketteridge J Campbell
Flowers	Jenny & Hazel

Weekly Duties

Sun 03-Feb-19	Readers: G Mills C Mallett Prayers of Concern: H Hall	Organ: Pete
Tues 05-Feb-19	Prayers: S Pine	
Sun 10-Feb-19	Readers: C Hales J Hooper Prayers of Concern: B Burgess	Organ: Helen
Tues 12-Feb-19	Prayers: K Hopper	
Sun 17-Feb-19	Readers: A Mood A Cockburn Prayers of Concern: Worship Leader	Organ: Pete
Tues 19-Feb-19	Prayers: C. Mallett	
Sun 24-Feb-19	Readers: J Jackson V Taylor Prayers of Concern: B Burgess	Organ: Hymnal
Tues 26-Feb-19	Prayers: B Burgess	

Newstand Dates

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Feb / Mar 2019

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

Sunday	3	Praise Service; Praise Team	9.30 am
		Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Monday	4	Fifty Eight Society Annual General Meeting	7.30 pm
Thursday	7	Pastoral Team Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	8	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	10	Morning Worship; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm
Monday	11	Afternoon Service hosted and led by the Worship Group	2.00 pm
Friday	15	Film Club - 'Selma'	2.00 pm
Saturday	16	Games Evening with Fish & Chips supper	4.30 pm
Sunday	17	Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	9.30 am
		Morning Worship; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Monday	18	Fifty Eight Society - 'Night Stop'	7.30 pm
Friday	22	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	24	Morning Worship; Revd David Herbert, Moderator of Northern Synod	11.00 am
MARCH 2019			
Sunday	3	Praise Service; Praise Team	9.30 am
		Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett	11.00 am
Monday	4	Fifty Eight Society - 'Gertrude Bell'	7.30 pm
Tuesday	5	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
		Worship Group Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	8	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Saturday	9	Fifty Eight Society Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Sunday	10	Morning Worship; Mrs Valerie Taylor	11.00 am