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*Jesus* the Light  
of the World, came so we could  
find our way to God.  
Jesus the  
Lamb of God, died upon the  
cross so we could receive  
the Salvation of God.  
*Jesus* the Bright  
and Morning Star,  
rose from the  
dead so we could  
live forever  
with God.

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## Prayers and a Reflection through Lent and to Easter Day

## Prayers and Reflection

Loving and gracious Father as we move through the period of Lent we prepare ourselves for the passion of Holy Week and the joy of Easter.

We acknowledge our need for forgiveness, to name those things that damage us and others.

We ask for mercy for our foolishness and pray for courage to let go those things that harm us.

We open ourselves to you, loving Father, the One whose love knows no boundaries.

Almighty Father, God of grace and goodness, awaken us to your glory, that our lives reflect your radiance, that we may share in your likeness, and walk the way of Christ our Lord.

Amen

### Reflection

Lent can be a period of challenge and questioning; a period of deliberation of the depth of our relationship with God and our response to God's call to us individually, as a church family and the wider Church. We are now at a point in the Liturgical calendar when we move towards Palm Sunday and the last week of Jesus' life on earth. It is a week of exceptional importance for Christians, it is Holy Week, the most sacred time of the Christian year. During Holy Week we follow Jesus confrontation with those in political and religious power, His suffering and death on the cross and the pain of Good Friday.

Some alternative book titles

Yet on that first day of the next week, early in the morning, we have the story of the women going to the tomb, of their encounter with two men in shining clothes who appeared beside them and said 'He is not here; He has risen!' And later that same day we have the story of two followers of Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Jesus came up and walked and talked with them, sat at a table, took bread, gave thanks, broke and shared the bread with them...it was then their eyes were opened and the men recognised Jesus...'It is true The Lord has risen!'



And later that evening of the same day, as the men were talking of their encounter with the eleven disciples, the risen Lord Jesus was suddenly standing there and said 'Peace be with you.' Here the risen Jesus opened up the understanding of Scripture, that the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and repentance and forgiveness will be preached in His name to all nations. The challenges of Lent and the pain of Good Friday are transformed with the Easter Story and of the encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. The risen Jesus walks with us today, we may recognise Him or like Jesus' followers of that day we may not, but the risen Lord is with us on our journey every step of the way.

Jesus Christ is risen!

## Prayer: The first gold of dawn

The long day stretched into night  
and time crept onward towards the new day.  
With the first gold of dawn came a resurrection  
a new hope that grew with the rising sun  
and went out to a waiting world.

Amen

*Jean Murdoch, from Eggs and Ashes*

***Submitted by the Hope 4 team***

### Afternoon Easter Service

On **Monday 15th April at 2 pm** an **Afternoon Easter Service** 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***

The Lion Attacked, by Claude Yarmoff

Ewan McGregor

Disney  
**Christopher  
Robin**

Sooner or later,  
your past  
catches up to you.

**Friday**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**2.00pm**

This is a heart-  
warming film,  
starring Ewan  
McGregor as  
Christopher Robin,  
about the importance  
of family and friends  
in one's life.



DISNEY PRESENTS "CHRISTOPHER ROBIN" A 2DUX2 PRODUCTION A MARC FORSTER FILM EWAN MCGREGOR HAYLEY ATWELL WITH THE VOICES OF JIM CUMMINGS  
BRADY CARRETT MUSIC BY JON BROWN COSTUME DESIGNER JENNY BEAMAN EDITOR MATT CHESSE PRODUCTION DESIGNER JENNIFER WILLIAMS DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY MATTHIAS KORMUSCHNER

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

# CRAFT FAIR

**St Andrew's Church**  
Eastfield Avenue, Monkseaton  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**  
**10am to 2pm**

*Cakes Jewellery Paintings*

*Woodcraft Lamps*

*Hand Made Cards Glassware*

*Gifts Galore and lots, lots more*

**Light Lunches and  
Refreshments Available**

*Gifts for All Occasions*

**Admission by donation**

All proceeds in aid of Church Funds and Charitable Works

The Art of Archery, by Boze N. Arrows

## 58 Society 9th Meeting Monday, 4th March 2019.

### Gertrude Bell with Anthony Atkinson.

Gertrude Margaret Lothian Bell, an English Politician and Writer was born July 14, 1868, in Washington Hall, Durham and died July 12, 1926 in Baghdad, Iraq, following a period of ill health and loneliness, when she took a fatal dose of sleeping pills. Her brilliant career started in Oxford, reading History and gaining a First, followed by time in Tehran where her uncle was a British minister. She then returned to England and Europe for a decade focussing on intellectual and political fields before embarking on a career of Arabian activities that made her famous. Her heart was set on an Arabian journey which began in 1913. She was only the second woman to visit Ha'il, where she was not favourably received. She never wrote a full account of this journey, though her literary output during the 20 years preceding World War 1 had been considerable. Her greatest work might well have been a masterly official report on the administration of Mesopotamia between the Armistice of 1918 and the Iraq rebellion of 1920. The last three years of her life were devoted to the creation of an archaeological museum in Bagdad.

### Coffee Morning – Saturday, 9th March 2019

This was an extremely successful event and was very well supported. It raised a total of £513-50, £80 more than last year. Many thanks to all who supported us.



## **58 Society 10th Meeting**

### **Monday, 18th March 2019.**

#### **The Life of a Vicar today with Reverend Peter Dobson**

Reverend Peter Dobson is a local lad, growing up in Longbenton and attending Mary Magdalene's church as a child. He felt his early association with this church set him on his journey. The church faced many challenges as it was regularly vandalised, but this small Christian community managed to override the problems and stay strong.

As a teenager, Peter stopped going to church, but later on, wanted to go back. The Curate came to see him and said that God was calling him. Rowan Williams, then Bishop of Canterbury, encouraged people to come forward for ordination. It was viewed as trendy. He went to Cambridge to train and then became a curate in North Gosforth. There was a perception at this time, that young vicars were not thought to be a good idea, but soon after his appointment, the vicar went on holiday and Peter had five funerals. He realised things were ok and as always, love and acceptance were a constant companion. Over the years, there have been a lot of changes and sometimes today it is difficult to continue beliefs.

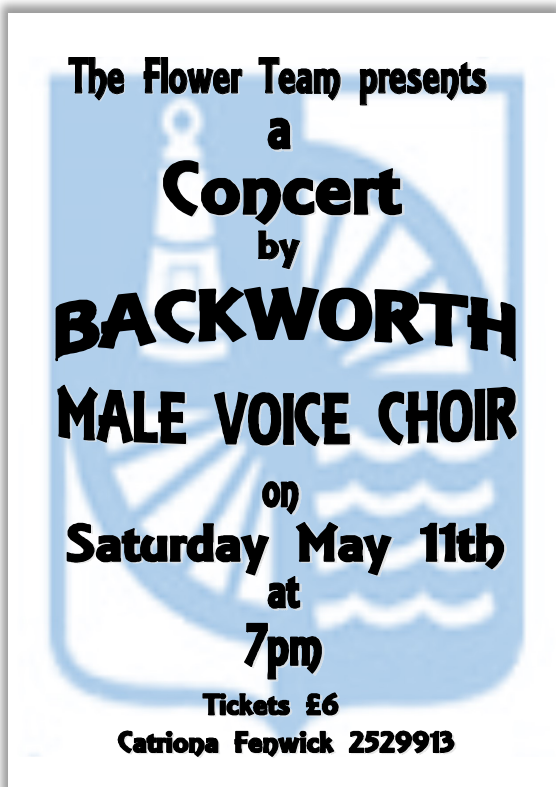
Peter is always there for the people who need him and come to his door. At present the homeless come each day to St Peter's to keep warm, have a snack lunch and a rest. Despite feeling the tensions, Peter strives to continue the faith and meet the current needs and challenges – brokenness is a key issue and a priority.

Peter illustrated his talk with some humorous clips from early television programmes, involving vicars. His talk was enjoyed by 44 members and guests.

### **Future events**

St Andrew's 58 Society will close this year with a buffet meal on April 1st. The next season will begin on October 7th 2019. New members will be most welcome.

*Celia Purves*



Desert Crossing, by I. Rhoda Camel



## CHURCH AGM 21st March 2019

Copies of the Minutes are displayed on the Notice Board in the vestibule of the Church.

Below is a précis of the meeting.

- The meeting was opened with worship.
- The reports of Church Secretary, Church Treasurer and church organisations were received and approved as appropriate.
- The Church Secretary gave a supplementary report to the meeting which covered the first three months of this year and included the following:
  - ♦ extremely grateful to those within St Andrew's who lead services, especially our Worship Group and also visiting preachers.
  - ♦ Happily Matthew was sufficiently recovered to be able to return to the pulpit in February leading up to his final service on 3rd March, following which we were able to offer our thanks for his time with us at St Andrew's with 'wine and cake' and also to present him with a cheque, made up of the donations received, in the sum of £765.
  - ♦ The Manse is now empty and a decision will be made whether or not to seek permission from Synod to let the property. The off road parking area has been completed.
  - ♦ There are, in the pipeline, requests for three baptisms and a marriage.
  - ♦ Maintenance work on the premises continues and new light fittings have been installed in the Main Hall.

- ◆ Work Week this year will be 19th to 23rd August when **ALL** use of the premises during the day will be curtailed.
- ◆ St Andrew's is now in a period of vacancy and very much dependent upon our own resources for worship together with the support from the many others that has been so readily offered. The length of this period is of course unknown, however initially Northern Synod Pastoral Committee are currently considering, and hoping to be able to provide us with, part time interim ministerial support, possibly for a period of up to a year.
- ◆ We will endeavour to keep everyone up to date on any progress and please ask me or your Elder if you have any queries. Elders' Meeting to revert to holding monthly meetings rather than the two monthly meeting regime that was introduced last year.
- ◆ The Treasurer explained the 2019 budget and the receipt of a £500 legacy from the estate of the late Mrs Margaret Dobson.

**Church Officers appointed:**

Church Secretary	Ray Hammond
Assist. Church Secretaries	Ann Hammond Carole Mallett
Treasurer	Kevin Ames
Assistant Treasurer	Jenny Hooper
Gift Aid Secretary	Kevin Ames
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I Was a Cloakroom Attendant, by Mahatma Coate

## Newstand

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Northern Province Synod	Sue Ames
Depaul Trust	Michael Spicer
Christian Aid	Sue and Kevin Ames

## Church Teams

Nominations to Teams for 2019 received and agreed (list displayed in church vestibule)

## SAY – St. Andrew's Youth

Details were given of the new group being formed by former Junior Church members. To meet on the fourth Sunday in the month at 11.00 am and after spending a short time in the service leave for activities which they would organise.

## Date of next Church Meeting:

Sunday 23rd June 2019 **following** the 11.00 am service.

*Ray Hammond*  
*Church Secretary*



The following report was received too late to be included in the Annual Report so I reproduce here in Newstand.

**Ray Hammond**

## 17th Whitley Bay (St. Andrew's) Scout Group

The Scout Group has continued to provide a busy and rewarding year of activities for the young people in the Group. All sections have camped with the notable highlight being Pirate Marra in May when we camped with over 1,000 others for a weekend of fun and had the support of the Rev'd Matthew who camped with us. Alongside this we've sailed, hiked, made things, visited local places and fully supported St Andrew's Church celebration of the end of the Great War.

Our greatest challenge is the need for more adults to volunteer to help run the sections so we can continue to provide a fantastic programme.

We are looking forward to the challenges of the coming year and hopefully adding some more exciting activities.

**Jonathan Mobberley**  
Group Scout Leader



**Pontius' Puddle**



Mystery in the Barnyard, by Hu Phlung Dung

## St Andrew's Youth (SAY)

We are delighted to announce that our new Youth Group is up and running. The young people have chosen the name SAY and we are meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month, during the service. We have already made flapjacks for the congregation and had a games session.

Next month, on 28th April, Julie will be joining us for some art work. We would welcome new members from aged 10 years upwards.



*Sue, Joan, Jo and Carole.*

### Serenity - another version

God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone, since I'm clearly not you, God. At least not the last time I checked. And while you're at it, God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect. It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway. Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than anyone else in the room, or that no-one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers. Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you.

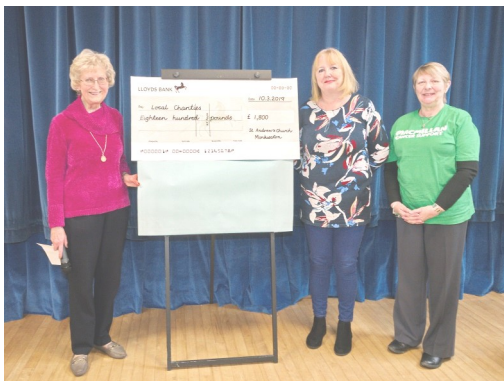
Amen

Positive Reinforcement, by Wade Ago

## Charity Cheque Presentation



On Sunday 10th March we presented cheques to the charities chosen by church members for 2018. Representatives from the Motor Neurone Association and Macmillan Nurses attended and were grateful for their cheques for £600 each. They also spoke about their respective charities and the valuable work which is carried out. Unfortunately the Alzheimer's Society was unable to send a representative on that day but was very grateful for the donation.



## Craft Fair

The week before Easter we are holding a Craft Fair on Saturday 13th April, 10 am – 2 pm. This provides an opportunity to buy Easter cards and gifts plus the chance to enjoy coffee and light lunches provided by St Andrew's Catering Team. Do come along if you can and support this popular annual event.

## Table Top Sale – Saturday 4th May, 10 am – 2 pm

If anyone is interested in booking a table at £8 please contact Ray Hammond (Tel 0191 252 3319).

*Ann Hammond*

“Shhh!” by Danielle Soloud





Father, we pray that those who lead our country would govern with integrity. Grant them wisdom to make good decisions and the conviction to implement them.

Lord, where there is division in our land let your Church proclaim the reconciling love of Christ; where there is hatred, let your peace reign.

God, our provider, in the midst of economic uncertainty we pray for those for whom making ends meet is a daily struggle; please supply their every need.

Lord, help us as a nation to defend the cause of the orphan and the widow. Let us love and care for the immigrant among us as we love ourselves.

Father, for all those fearful about what the future might hold for our nation, please comfort, protect and guide them.

God of love, keep us from hating those we disagree with. Give us the humility to seek to understand those with opposing views.

Father God, we pray that you would protect this nation from those who plan evil against us. Please turn them from error towards your truth

Jesus, King of kings, we know that there is no political answer to our nation's deepest needs. May we place our hope in God, not man.

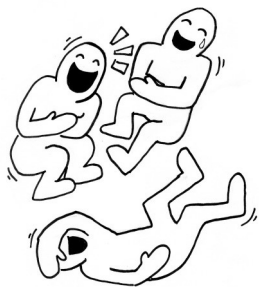
Jesus, we pray for an end to the falsehood that corrupts our national life. Instead, may your spirit of truth transform this land.

Our father in heaven, let your kingdom come and your will be done in the United Kingdom as in heaven. Cause our nation to turn to you as Lord and Saviour. Amen

Adapted from 'Prayers for our divided nation' by Martyn Eden, political editor with Premier Christian Communications Ltd.

The Philippine Post Office, by Imelda Letter

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" He answered, "Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago." She paused, then said, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" Grandpa told her that God made her just a little while ago. The little girl looked up and said, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



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After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny started sobbing in the back seat of the car on the way home. His father asked him what was wrong and through his tears the boy said, "That priest man said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with the family I have now!"

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After a worship service, a mother with a fidgety seven-year old boy told the preacher how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. She said, "About halfway through your sermon, I leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, the preacher is going to lose his place and he will have to start his sermon all over again' and I am glad to say it worked."

# ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

## February Draw

91 numbers went into the draw on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

The Winners were:

1st	No. 13	Kathleen Hopper	£136.50
2nd	No. 38	Susan Anderson	£68.25
3rd	No. 56	Elaine Geddes	£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 (split 60 / 30 / 10)

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)***

Stop Arguing, by Xavier Breth

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.



7	St George's URC, High Heaton; St Cuthbert's LEP (Methodist/URC), Heaton; Revd Dr Grant Wilson.
14	St Mark's URC, Amble; Revd Alison Mills.
21	The work of Children's & Youth Work Committee and Convenor, Mr Sandy Ogilvie and Synod Children's Work Advisor, Mrs Hannah Middleton.
28	PCM, ministers in training at Ricatla Ecumenical Seminary. The RC Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, the Rt Revd Seamus Cunningham.

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

## PRAYER GROUP

How is your ability to pray? Do you need guidance or encouragement to talk to God? Have you a friend in Jesus to whom you can take all your troubles?

Well, why not come along to our Prayer Group and get some encouragement and guidance! Praying is just a conversation with God, but conversations are not one-sided – we must learn to listen and hear HIS contribution!

We're moving our Prayer Meetings at St. Andrew's to 10.30 am every SECOND Sunday in the month: 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September and 13th October!

Try us!!

**Valerie Taylor**



*The names of those we remember  
this month are*

*Karen Watkin*

*David Smith Fisher*

*Helen McNeil Dall*

*Janette A. Charlton*

*Gladys Wilson*

*Nell and Eric Hammond*

*William Noel Jackson*

*John Arthur Melding (Jack)*

*David King*

Many thanks to all who have supported me the last few months through my hospital procedures and personal struggles. I am coming through it all now.  
God bless you all.

*Christine Clarkin*

## Monthly Duties

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Vestry:</b> Chris Hales <b>Reception:</b> Hazel Hall <b>Communion:</b> Paul Hartley
<b>Stewards</b>	Alison Mood, Heather Carr
<b>Flowers</b>	Beryl & Mary

## Weekly Duties

<b>Tues 02-Apr-19</b>	Prayers: Ann Sinclair	
<b>Sun 07-Apr-19</b>	Readers: C Fenwick, B Burgess Prayers of Concern: Andrew Cooke	Organ: Helen
<b>Tues 09-Apr-19</b>	Prayers: Una Ketteridge	
<b>Sun 14-Apr-19</b>	Readers: M Walton, S Pine Prayers of Concern: Chris Hales	Organ: Hymnal
<b>Tues 16-Apr-19</b>	Prayers: Lucy Cooke	
<b>Sun 21-Apr-19</b>	Readers: C Purves, M Christopher Prayers of Concern: Una Ketteridge	Organ: Paul
<b>Tues 23-Apr-19</b>	Prayers: Carole Mallett	
<b>Sun 28-Apr-19</b>	Readers: U Ketteridge, A Stembridge Prayers of Concern: Val Taylor	Organ: Hymnal
<b>Tues 30-Apr-19</b>	Prayers: Sandra Pine	

## Newstand Dates

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Apr / May 2019**

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

Monday	1	Fifty Eight Society end of session meal <u>7.00 for</u>	<u>7.30 pm</u>
Friday	5	<b>Lent Service, followed by soup and roll; Mrs Valerie Taylor</b> <b>NOTE TIME</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>
		Friendship Club Easter Lunch <u>1.00 for</u>	1.30 pm
Sunday	7	<b>Praise Service; Praise Team</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
		<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
		<b>(Lent 5) Communion Service; Revd Philip Gray</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Thursday	11	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	12	Film Club – "Christopher Robin"	2.00 pm
Saturday	13	Craft Fair	10.00 am
Sunday	14	<b>Morning Worship for Palm Sunday; Revd Trevor Jamison</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
		<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>3.30 pm</b>
Monday	15	<b>Afternoon Easter Service; Worship Group &amp; Activities Team</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>
Thursday	18	<b>Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service; Dr Ann Sinclair</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
Friday	19	<b>Good Friday Service; Revd Gordon Connacher</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
		<b>Good Friday Ecumenical Service outside Ship/Black Horse Inns, Monkseaton</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>
Sunday	21	<b>Sunrise Service at Spanish City Plaza</b>	<b>5.45 am</b>
		<b>Communion Service; Dr Ann Sinclair</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
		<b>Easter Day Communion Service; Revd Gordon Connacher &amp; Dr Ann Sinclair</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Friday	26	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Sunday	28	<b>Morning Worship; Dr Ann Sinclair</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
<b>MAY 2019</b>			
Saturday	4	Table Top Sale	10.00 am
Sunday	5	<b>Praise Service; Praise Team</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
		<b>Communion Service; Revd Trevor Jamison</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Tuesday	7	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
		Worship Group Meeting	7.30 pm
Thursday	9	Pastoral Team and Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	10	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Saturday	11	Flower Team Concert – Backworth Male Voice Choir	7.00 pm
Sunday	12	<b>Prayer Group - NOTE REVISED DATE -</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	12	<b>Morning Worship; Dr Andrew Graydon</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
		<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>3.30 pm</b>