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**LET US WALK TOGETHER WITH CHRIST,
AWAY FROM GRIEF AND SADNESS
TO NEW LIFE ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN**



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Over the last few months St Andrew's Church Monkseaton has lost several well-loved members, the sudden impact of their passing shattering the lives of their loved ones and enveloping them in profound grief. The immediate families' great sense of shock and grief has been mirrored by that of St Andrew's church family. The loss of such well-loved members has had a deep effect on so many of the members. This has demonstrated the extent of the love, friendship and good deeds of these well-loved folks, be it carried out quietly or in the sheer practical presence of their hands-on support, love and friendship. Their Christian faith is quite simply Christian love in action. At this point in time life will never be the same for their immediate families or the family of St Andrew's.

Any experience of trauma becomes part of the very essence of those left behind coping with their loss either suddenly or expectedly and extends over a range of emotions and on different levels: sadness and grief, shock and disbelief, anger and guilt. Each individual handles these emotions of grief in different ways. Outwardly showing and sharing grief with others, giving voice to their sadness and pain is one channel. Yet for others, or at different times in grieving, that sorrow, heartache and sadness of their loss is kept for solitary times in finding quiet space to grieve. There is no right or wrong way.

In times of loss God's people have drawn strength from Scripture and prayers for peace and comfort. In the support and love we have for those families we hold dear, and in the support we give each other within the family of

Yet more book titles (thanks to Neil Cockburn for these)

St Andrew's over the loss of well-loved church members, may we each find strength and comfort in the peace that comes from faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Life will never be the same for all those who have lost a loved one, yet the love of God, our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit draws all those who are in the pain of the parting and grieving into the shelter, comfort and strength of our compassionate and loving God in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*'Come to me, come to me, weak and heavy laden;
trust in me, lean on me, I will give you rest.'*

John L. Bell

A Conversation of Prayer:

Hello God, well, I seem to be saying good-bye to too many friends too often at the moment. Perhaps it is to be expected as we get old, but its hard to come to terms with the loss sometimes. I know everyone goes through the same emotions – loss, grief, anger, disbelief, remorse and even, for some reason, guilt. How are people meant to cope with this rush of emotion?

Well, I am sure if we ask You, you'll give us your love, guidance and support. You've felt like this yourself, haven't you? Please tell us all to be patient and to listen to what you have to say to us, so that we can carry on and support others.

Thank you, speak to you again soon.

Submitted by the Hope 4 Team

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We were recently delighted to host the annual visit by the children from Langley First School's Year One pupils.

60 excited children arrived and were led into the church itself. They were very quiet as they walked down the aisle and took their seats.

However, after a chat about the various parts of the building they were very happy to have the freedom to see and touch all the artefacts, furniture and literature on offer! Most revelled the chance to speak from the pulpit!

They asked many questions:

- “Why were the walls just brick?”
- “Why is God the Light of the world?”
- “How many hymns are there?”
- “What do the signs on the stained glass windows mean?”

As you can imagine, we found their wonderful interest both very pleasing and challenging!!

Several did remember coming to our Messy Church afternoons and the School Christmas Carol Service.

All in all it was a very successful time which further established our great connection with the school which we hope will continue long into the future.

Joan Blanchfield

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Film Club

Inspired by the heart-warming true story of a working-class Italian-American bouncer who accepts a job as chauffeur for a world-class pianist.



Friday 12th July
2.00pm



GREEN BOOK

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



Some of you may not know about our youth group yet but we hope you soon will!!!

Our monthly meetings have been very successful and so we decided to visit another youth group at St. George's URC, High Heaton, to steal ideas !!

We had a very good, fun time and were able to enjoy seeing the way they worked.

I hope you will enjoy the comments from some of our youngsters who were able to join us.

Joan Blanchfield

We all really enjoyed visiting the youth group at St. George's and loved meeting some new people. It was great to be able to see a different style of youth group and it has given us many new ideas on how we could improve our group at St. Andrew's and attract some new people to join us. We felt very welcomed at the youth group and were thankful to be fully included in all of the activities. The visit has allowed us to see a different approach to the youth group with a focus on games followed by a short session where we could share news and have a small time to think and pray. Overall, it was a very enjoyable visit which has given us many new ideas that we hope to take forward into the future.

Andrew & Sophie Cooke



the Priory Singers

Gilbert and Sullivan's



Saturday 13 July 2019, 7.30pm

**St Andrew's URC,
Eastfield Avenue, Monkseaton NE25 8LU**

Tickets £6 available on the door,
from Hound Dog Music, Whitley Bay or reserve on 0191 253 2811

The first in hopefully a series of articles inspired by the title “It happened to me!”. This month, Iain Ord recites the tale of a wet walk in Northumberland.

Some of you may know I am a keen hiker. A few weeks ago I went walking at Alwinton. I caught the service bus to Rothbury and then the minibus that serves Coquetdale, going out in the morning and returning at 3.15 in the afternoon. I had a strenuous walk, getting back to Alwinton just before 3.00. However the minibus did not turn up. I could not get a signal on my mobile, so rang my wife from the pub, then a couple of taxi firms to take me to Thropton, the terminus of the service bus. However they could not come for two hours.

Worried that I would miss the service bus and have to sleep rough in a shop doorway in Rothbury, I decided to walk the ten miles to Thropton. Ten minutes after starting out, the heavens opened. A number of cars passed me, and although I did not expect any of them to stop and offer me a lift, there was always a hope that one would do so, and disappointment when they did not. Three quarters of the way to Thropton a man kindly stopped and offered me a lift, which greatly improved my mood, and not only because I was exhausted and soaked to the skin. He told me I should have thumbed a lift and anybody would have picked me up, and it was only the fact that it was raining that made him stop, otherwise he would have thought I simply wanted to walk.

I hope he was right. What do you think?

The debtor – Owen Munny

Lament for an old friend



Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Crime DOES pay! — *Robin Banks*

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights

I Want It Now

Someone Else Is To Blame

I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

Submitted by Joan Polkinghorn

What else would you add to the list of stepbrothers (and stepsisters!)? I can think of a few of my own, but they're probably not suitable for Newstand! Ed.

The funeral – *Paul Bearer*



In July we have two occasions on which we can celebrate the arrival of summer and hopefully some warm sunny weather! Firstly, a **Summer Afternoon Service**, with refreshments, takes place on **Monday 15th July** at 2.00 pm. Secondly, tickets at £8 are now available for a **Summer Afternoon Tea with Entertainment** on **Saturday 27th July**.

Dates for the Diary

Something new to St Andrew's will take place in September. On **Saturday 7th September** we are having a **Poetry and Plonk Evening** - an opportunity to hear people's favourite poems along with a glass of wine (or soft drink).

Saturday 5th October - Annual Art Exhibition

Monday 14th October - Harvest Afternoon Service

Saturday 16th November - Annual Church Fair

Ann Hammond



Hope 6 - Budget

Month	May	Year to date
Income	£7,513	£38,938
Expenditure	£6,751	£43,265
Surplus/Deficit	£762	-£4,327

The female ghost – *Sheila Peer*



Copies of the Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 25 June 2019 after Morning Worship are displayed on the Notice Board in the vestibule of the Church. In case you were not able to be present here is a précis of the meeting.

- The main item on the agenda for the meeting was to decide whether or not to issue a call to the Revd Carla Grosch-Miller to become Transitional Minister at St. Andrew's.
- The Revd Grosch-Miller explained how she saw the role of Transitional Minister.
- All votes cast were in favour of issuing the call.
- Revd Grosch-Miller accepted the call.

The routine business for the meeting included:

- **Church Secretary** reported:
- Expression of thanks to all supporting St Andrew's for services including baptisms and funerals and especially the services during Lent and Easter.
- The success, and appreciation of those attending, the monthly afternoon services
- Receipt of Link Elders reports for Brownies, Stage School and Trefoil Guild.
- Report of Langley Year 1 pupils to St Andrew's.
- Change in giving information – from Orders of Service to notices on coffee tables.
- Request for Music Group to be re-established.
- More baptisms and weddings booked.
- Sadness at deaths of member and friends.
- Executive Team proceeding with letting the Manse.

The lion tamer – *Claude Face*

- Activities Team pleased with recent social and fund-raising events especially those for Christian Aid.
- Premises 'less busy' since Fun Little Foodies left for their own premises.
- **Treasurer** reported:
- Finances are looking reasonably good and closely following budget for the year.
- Operating a balanced budget where overspend is funded from interest from the Development Fund.
- 2019 projected deficit of £16,000 to be covered with £13,000 from General Fund and £3,000 from Development Fund interest.
- To end of May deficit £4,327.
- Exploring getting involved with helping the local community by way of investment in a Credit Union. Synod will match investment by up to £5,000.
- Donations from St Andrew's members totalling £1,000 to Commitment for Life Scheme.

Ray Hammond
Church Secretary

Thank you for the lovely bunch of flowers delivered to me on the evening of Sunday 19th May. They were a lovely surprise and very much appreciated.

Thanks also to the flower team for organising the lovely concert in May with Backworth Male Voice Choir and their soloist. We enjoyed a wide variety of musical pieces, which gave us a very entertaining evening.

Margaret Park

Frankenstein meets Dracula – Horace Tory



ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

May Draw

93 numbers went into the draw on 26th May.

The Winners were:

1st	No. 52	Celia Purves	£139.50
2nd	No. 73	Joyce Coulson	£69.72
3rd	No. 92	Elizabeth Morley	£23.25

£232.50 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 30% / 15% / 5%)

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)

King Kong – *Hugh Jape*

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	Northumbrian Industrial Mission and Mrs Fiona Usher, Chaplain Team Leader.
14	The work of Synod Executive Committee.
21	St James's URC, Alnwick; Warkworth URC; Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn. The work of LMMR (Local Mission and Ministry Review).
28	PCM, their office staff at Church House, Khovo, Maputo. The Anglican Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Revd Mark Bryant.

Deaths

WAUGH William Johnston, on 18th May, aged 97 years. Committal at Whitley Bay on 5th June, followed by service at St Andrew's, conducted by Revd Gordon Connacher.

CHISHOLM Mary Lynne, on 25th May, aged 79 years. Committal at Whitley Bay on 7th June, followed by service at St Andrew's, conducted by Revd Gordon Connacher.

Baptisms

BOSOMWORTH

In church, by Mrs Valerie Taylor, on 19th May 2019, Edward William, infant son of Alex & Hannah Bosomworth.

PURCELL

In church, by Revd Jane Rowell, on 26th May 2019, Sienna Lily, infant daughter of Scott Purcell & Nicole Anderson.

The Singer – *Barry Tone*



*The names of those we remember
this month are*

Alfred Edward Corby

Edith Walton

Kenneth George Tancock

Doris May Heighton

Revd. David Idris Owen

George Nicholson Hay

John and Isabella Thompson

Lilian Alex Masterman

Joyce Marion Masterton Malloch

If you would like a name adding to the Book of Remembrance, to be entered in the copy in the church and this version in Newstand, as well as being included in prayers on Communion Sunday, please contact Tim Cooke (details inside back cover), or complete a form in the church.

Monthly Duties

Elders	Vestry: P.Hartley August: A.Hammond Reception: C.Mallett V.Taylor Communion: C.Fenwick C.Hales
Stewards	G.Mills, J.Thorpe / August: S.Pine, A.Stembridge
Flowers	7&28 – Heather / 14 – Alison / 21 – Susan A & Gillian

Weekly Duties

Tues 02-Jul-19	Prayers: Barbara Burgess	
Sun 07-Jul-19	Readers: S. Clark, P. Hartley Prayers of Concern: Val Taylor	Organ: Helen
Tues 09-Jul-19	Prayers: Kathleen Hopper	
Sun 14-Jul-19	Readers: K. Ames, C. Lynch Prayers of Concern: Andrew Cooke	Organ: Hymnal
Tues 16-Jul-19	Prayers: Carole Mallett	
Sun 21-Jul-19	Readers: C. Fenwick, B. Burgess Prayers of Concern: Una Ketteridge	Organ: Alex
Tues 23-Jul-19	Prayers: Una Ketteridge	
Sun 28-Jul-19	Readers: M. Walton, S. Pine Prayers of Concern: Chris Hales	Organ: Pete
Tues 30-Jul-19	Prayers: Ray Hammond	
Sun 04-Aug-19	Readers: C. Purves, M. Christopher Prayers of Concern: Barbara Burgess	Organ: Paul

Newstand Dates

Important!

Next edition, published last Sunday of month:	Sunday 04 Aug 2019
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Open Door Coffee Mornings
every Tuesday and Thursday
from 10am to Noon

CHURCH CALENDAR

July / August 2019

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

Tuesday	2	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
		Worship Group Meeting	6.30 pm
Thursday	4	Ecumenical Cheese & Wine Evening at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	7.30 pm
Friday	5	Friendship Club 1.00 for Fish & Chips Lunch	1.30 pm
Sunday	7	Praise Service; Praise Team	9.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Ron Forster	11.00 am
Tuesday	9	Activities Team meeting	10.15 am
Thursday	11	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	12	Film Club – Green Book	2.00 pm
Saturday	13	Priory Singers Concert – The Gondoliers	7.30 pm
Sunday	14	Prayer Group	10.30 am
		Morning Worship; Ms Helen Cooper	11.00 am
		NO MESSY CHURCH IN JULY	
Monday	15	Summer Afternoon Service; Activities Team & Worship Group	2.00 pm
Sunday	21	Morning Worship; Revd Dr Carla Grosch-Miller	11.00 am
Thursday	25	Summer Activities Club commences	12 noon
Saturday	27	Summer Afternoon Tea	2.30 pm
Sunday	28	Morning Worship; Revd Dr Carla Grosch-Miller	11.00 am
AUGUST 2019			
Thursday	1	Summer Activities Club	12 noon
Sunday	4	Praise Service; Praise Team	9.30 am
		Communion Service; Revd Dr Carla Grosch-Miller	11.00 am