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BE TOUCHED BY THE FIRE



SPREAD THE FLAME OF DESIRE

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There is nothing quite like a birthday party! Be it for a one year old or a hundred-year-old and all the ages in between. A birthday is something to celebrate, and if it is a 'special' birthday marking milestones in life, e.g. 18,21,30,40, etc., that adds to the celebrations; they can be bigger than ever! Your birthday is a special day for you, it is your day even though you may share that day with millions of people around the world!

Apart from the birthday person themselves, the birthday cake plays a central part in the celebrations. It may be a simple homemade cake or some extravagantly designed cake suitably decorated to reflect the 'birthday person's' character or a hobby. But then comes another big moment - the lighting of candle or candles. With the flick of a match or lighter the candle wick leaps into life. Think of the look on the faces around the cake as the light begins to shine, all around faces glowing in the candle light, everyone focusing on the light... before the singing starts!

With a flick of a match, friction occurs and a spark leaps from match to tinder. A small flame burns and grows fuelled by wood and air, heat builds and soon the kindling is licked by reddish orange tongues. Higher and wider it spreads, consuming the wood. The flame has become a fire. And so, it did, in another place around two thousand years ago. In Palestine, 50 days after Passover, there was the festival of Pentecost, the Festival of First Harvest, a thanksgiving for the harvested crops. 50 days after the Resurrection, a match was struck in Palestine. Coming like the roaring of a mighty windstorm and with flames and tongues of fire the Holy Spirit

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

settled on a group of believers, followers of Jesus Christ, on what was to become the emerging Church.

The tongues of fire symbolised speech and the communication of the Good News. And the fire symbolised God's purifying presence burning away the undesirable elements of believers' lives and setting hearts aflame to ignite the lives of others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

At first, just a few were touched and warmed but the fire spread. Emboldened by the Holy Spirit the band of believers travelled beyond Jerusalem from the shores of Judea to Rome, across the Roman Empire and beyond, to parts of Europe, to Asia and North Africa. This band of believers taught, healed and spread the love of Jesus Christ on streets, hills, ships and desert road, synagogues, schools, homes and marketplaces, wherever God sent them. History was changed at Pentecost. With the kindling of a flame God's presence was and is available to everyone who believes. That Pentecost was the Church's first birthday!

Put yourself in the shoes of those believers touched by the Holy Spirit taking the message out, read Acts again and step out with them on their Holy Spirit-led journeys in those first centuries. Read of the risks, persecution and suffering they faced to take the message of the risen Lord out into the world.

At Pentecost can we flick a match and tend a flame that turns into a fire, and spread that flame of desire for the Word of God in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord? Can we be twenty first century versions of those men and women at that first time of the coming of the Holy Spirit?

At Pentecost, celebrate the Church's birthday...perhaps light a candle and see the flame burn, or hold a picture in your mind of a birthday cake candle lit in celebration of the Good News, the love and grace of God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. As believers think of all the gifts God gives us, indeed how rich we are with all the gifts God gives us each and every day, in fact you could say it is your birthday every day!

In the words of the hymn...

Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
The day has begun, the night is behind,  
Go down in the city, into the street,  
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
Open the door, let Jesus return,  
Take seed of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Go through the park, on into the town,  
The sun still shines on, it never goes down,  
The Light of the world is risen again,  
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn...  
Open your eyes, look into the sky;  
The darkness has gone, the Son came to die,  
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,  
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn...

*Sue McClellan (b 1951) et al*

And in Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, blow among us as we celebrate your  
calling us out to be the people of God:  
birthday of the Church.

Come, Holy Spirit, rain upon us as we celebrate your  
showering of gifts on the people of God:  
Empowering the Church.

Come, Holy Spirit, shine between us as we celebrate your  
awakening us to the vision of all people on earth  
as the Church of God.

Amen

*Donald Hilton*

**Submitted by the Hope 4 team**

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**Uniformed Organisations allied with  
St. Andrew's United Reformed Church.**



Anyone who has been able to come to the Parade Services must see how much the youngsters enjoy their time with their groups. We also enjoy seeing them!

However it takes leaders to be able to keep these groups going. The Scouts in particular are looking for volunteers to help with their work.

If you feel you could help, please contact Joan Blanchfield at church or by phone (2961931) and she will be very happy to pass on your interest.

**Big Bang! — Dinah Might**

**Friday 14th June**

**2.00pm**

chris  
evans

mckenna  
grace

lindsay  
duncan

jenny  
slate

+ octavia  
spencer

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**The plot follows an intellectually gifted 7 year old who becomes the subject of a custody battle between her uncle and grandmother. The film is described as "funny, moving and heart-warming".**

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



# Leisure

**WHAT** is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare?  
No time to stand beneath the boughs,  
And stare as long as sheep and cows:  
No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:  
No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:  
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance:  
No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began?  
A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

*W.H. Davies*



*This is an extract from the 'Congregational Supplement' of St Columba High Church, Inverness, dated March 1966. The magazine belongs to Carol Turnbull.*

Dear boys and girls,

Grown-ups can be a bit tiresome at times. They will ask questions, "Are you a good boy/good girl?" "You work hard at school?" "What are you going to be when you grow up?" One boy always gave the same answer to that last question – "a sailor". When the boy was old enough he passed the naval entrance exams but in spite of that was turned down for service with the Navy. Why? Because he could not distinguish between red and green. To him both colours seemed just grey. He was colour blind.

Many people are born with that disability. Others can distinguish colour but they have no eye for beauty. Some have no ear for music. Some have no voice. They can't sing for toffee, or peanuts either. But there is no person born who does not feel hunger – we are all hungry at some time every day.

There is an old folk story told in Korea of a native prince who died and went to heaven. He stopped to speak to St Peter at the gates. "Before I enter Heaven may I take a look at Hell?" St Peter found the prince a guide, and together they had a look round Hell. The prince was amazed to find a table absolutely laden with the choicest foods, and yet people were sitting about miserable and starving.

“Whatever is wrong?” the prince asked his guide. “Why don’t they eat some of that wonderful food?”

“Everyone who comes here,” the guide explained, “is given a pair of chopsticks, five feet long. To eat, they must hold the chopsticks at the end and, of course, that can’t be done. They miss their mouth every time.” Hell, indeed.

The prince had seen quite enough, so he and his guide hurried back to Heaven. Once there, the prince was very surprised to find a room similar to the one in Hell, with a table piled high with wonderful foods. The difference was that here the people were radiantly happy.

“No chopsticks here, obviously,” said the prince.

“Oh yes,” replied the guide. “They have the same chopsticks, of the same length, and the same conditions are laid down. In order to eat they must hold their sticks at the end.”

“If that is so, why are they so happy here while the people in Hell are so miserable?”

The guide answered, “Here in Heaven they have learned that if a man feeds his neighbour, his neighbour will feed him.”

So many thousands of boys and girls have no food at all. As members of the family of God we cannot pray “Our father....give us our daily bread”, and not care what becomes of part of the family. How can we gorge ourselves while others starve? Without God’s aid there would be no bread for anyone. Because we belong to God we must learn

the lesson of the five foot chopsticks. If a man feeds his neighbour, his neighbour will feed him. We remember, too, the teaching of Jesus in the 25th chapter of St Matthew's Gospel. "For when I was hungry you gave me food. ....Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and fed you?..... I tell you this: anything you did for one of my brothers, however humble, you did for me."

What a wonderful privilege is ours!

Shirley and I would like to thank our friends for all the cards and gifts we received as we celebrated our Diamond wedding.

Bob Corrigan

I would like to thank the people of St Andrew's church for your continued kindness and friendship and for the beautiful flowers sent to me over the last few months.

The gorgeous flower arrangement delivered to me on Easter Sunday afternoon was a particularly lovely surprise and most appreciated.

Once again a big thank you and God bless you all.

Kathleen Elwell

Let's Celebrate — Ollie Luya

## Quiz Night!




On Saturday 8th June at 7 pm we will be holding a Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper. Jim Farley is busy compiling the Quiz so get your thinking caps on and come along for an evening of friendship, food and fun. Tickets at £6 are now available from Ray Hammond.

## Dates for the Diary

We look forward in July to a Summer Afternoon Service on Monday 15th July and a Summer Afternoon Tea on Saturday 27th July.

*Ann Hammond*



## WINE AND CHEESE EVENING

The Ecumenical Social Committee is holding its annual **Wine and Cheese Evening on Thursday 4th July 2019 at 7.30 pm.** This year it will take place at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary R C Church** with entertainment by **Tyneside A Cappella.**

Do come along if you can as this provides an opportunity to meet friends from other churches in our area. Tickets at £4 will be available from Ann Hammond and Sue Ames.

*Ann Hammond*

Don't lose your umbrella — Wayne Dwopse



## Hope 6 - Budget

Month	April	Year to date
Income	£8,313	£31,434
Expenditure	£13,243	£36,523
Surplus/Deficit	-£4,930	-£5,089

### Charitable Giving Scheme

The results of the voting for the three charities for this year, with presentation of cheques in early 2020, was as follows:



**Bloodwise** 33 votes

**North of England Children's Cancer Research** 25 votes

**Hearing Dogs for the Deaf** 24 votes

These were clearly the most popular choices with the next nearest receiving 17 votes.

***Ann & Ray Hammond***

### **"It happened to me!"**

Do you have recollections of some unusual, adventurous or remarkable incident that might be of interest to fellow readers of Newstand? Could you summarise it into around 200 words (half a side of A4)? If so, please get writing and we'll include them in future editions.

Thank You!

***Tim Cooke, Editor***

Get rich quick — *Robin Banks*



What a lovely atmosphere at the Table Top event in early May and a wonderful result for Christian Aid for their annual fund raising.

It was like a miniature Granny's Attic with Kathleen and her crew selling everything and anything. There is always a "treasure" to be found at these events and it is lovely to chat to our friends and visitors and discuss their purchases from the many and varied stalls.

The catering team as always keep everyone happy with light refreshments which are much appreciated. It is lovely to meet and swap news with people from the community we serve and our regular St Peter's visitors .

So onwards we go with our Activities Team programme together with the church rooms being occupied during the week with the active and interesting groups who use St Andrew's as their meeting place and thanks to Ann and Ray, with yet another job to keep this flowing well.

Our Open Door Coffee morning and Tuesday morning worship, is another chance to meet up and share friendships.

Personally I hear so many lovely stories from Young Mums whose children are involved with our Uniformed Organisations and how much they enjoy it; but also the ambience of the church halls and the welcoming entrance is often mentioned. Plus a chance to buy a book or a jar of marmalade adds to what we offer.

So who knows where we will go in the next few months, but "God works in mysterious ways" and we trust he will guide and lead us forward.

*Heather Carr*

# ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

## April Draw

94 numbers went into the draw on 28th April.

The Winners were:

1st	No. 37	Gillian Heads	£141.00
2nd	No. 31	Bill Waugh	£70.50
3rd	No. 36	Pat Robson	£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 (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)***

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.



2	Environment Sunday. Green Apostle Revd Trevor Jamison. Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Gosforth; Revd Peter Holwell (Methodist) and Ms Mary Bellshaw (Community Worker) who are part of the ministry team there. Chair of the Newcastle Methodist District, Revd Stephen Lindridge.
9	PCM, the churches in the Limpopo presbyteries in and around Gaza Province. The Anglican Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Tanner.
16	Refugee Week (17-23 June)
23	St Columba's URC, Billingham; Ms Ann Honey (Church Related Community Work Minister); Stockton URC; St Andrew's Mission, Thornaby; St George's URC, Hartlepool; Revd Sue Fender.
30	South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area (SENEA) (Methodist and URC) and President, Revd Marie Attwood.

## DEATHS

**BALDERSTON** Eileen, on 8<sup>th</sup> April, aged 89 years.  
Service at St Andrew's on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon followed by committal at Tynemouth, conducted by Revd Gordon Connacher.

Giants — *Hugh Mungus*



# Book of Remembrance

*The names of those we remember  
this month are*

*Katherine Kay Quinn*

*Jean Bell*

*Hector Jewels*

*Tom Murphy*

*Jenny Murphy*

*Mildred Adamson*

*Kathleen Louise Fraser*

*Kenneth Walton*

*John Burnett-White*

*Sheila McFarlane*

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.

A dog's dinner — Nora Bone

## Monthly Duties

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Vestry:</b> Bill Hopper <b>Reception:</b> Barbara Watson <b>Communion:</b> Chris Hales
<b>Stewards</b>	A Cooke, C Moore (except 23rd), K Hopper (23rd only)
<b>Flowers</b>	Margaret & Joan

## Weekly Duties

<b>Sun 02-Jun-19</b>	Readers: A Mood, A Cockburn Prayers of Concern: Hazel Hall	<b>Organ:</b> TBC
<b>Tues 04-Jun-19</b>	Prayers: Ann Sinclair	
<b>Sun 09-Jun-19</b>	Readers: J Jackson, V Taylor Prayers of Concern: Val Taylor	<b>Organ:</b> Paul
<b>Tues 11-Jun-19</b>	Prayers: Una Ketteridge	
<b>Sun 16-Jun-19</b>	Readers: S Anderson, J Blanchfield Prayers of Concern: Una Ketteridge	<b>Organ:</b> Paul
<b>Tues 18-Jun-19</b>	Prayers: Sandra Pine	
<b>Sun 23-Jun-19</b>	Readers: J McLennan, T Cooke Prayers of Concern: Andrew Cooke	<b>Organ:</b> Hymnal
<b>Tues 25-Jun-19</b>	Prayers: Carole Mallett	
<b>Sun 30-Jun-19</b>	Readers: K Hopper, I Ord Prayers of Concern: Barbara Burgess	<b>Organ:</b> TBC

## Newstand Dates

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**June / July 2019**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Praise Service; Praise Team</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
		<b>Communion Service; Revd Ted Marley</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Tuesday	4	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
Friday	7	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
Saturday	8	Quiz Night	7.00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
		<b>Morning Worship; Mrs Angela Storer</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
		<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>3.30 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Afternoon Service hosted and led by the Worship Group</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>
Thursday	13	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	14	Film Club – 'Gifted'	2.00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Communion Service; Revd Douglas McFarlane</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
		<b>Morning Worship; Mr John Drew</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Tuesday	18	Finance and Development Fund Management Teams Meeting	10.00 am
Friday	21	Friendship Club	2.00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Morning Worship; Revd Philip Gray</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
		<b>Church Meeting</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Morning Worship; Mrs Valerie Taylor</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
		<b>Coast Partnership Joint Service at St Columba's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>JULY 2019</b>			
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 <u>1.00 for</u> Fish & Chips Lunch	1.30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Praise Service; Praise Team</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
		<b>Communion Service; Revd Ron Forster</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>