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Waiting for God?

Or finding his presence in the actions of others and ourselves



*When I thought,
'My foot is slipping', your steadfast
love, O Lord, held me up.
When the cares of my heart are
many, your consolations cheer my
soul. Psalm 94:18-19, NRSV*

I was struggling to think of a subject for this month's editorial and so, with it being a "Couch to 5K" day, I headed out for a run. I find that with all that is going on in the world today, domestically, nationally and internationally, getting out for some air to clear my head, as well as the obvious benefit of improving my fitness, can really help when coming back to put fingers to keyboard (as the modern equivalent of pen to paper!).

Whilst out there is always a concern that I might put a foot wrong, slipping on a damp patch, or catching my foot in a pothole in the grass, so it was also appropriate to see the above as the verse for today on Bible Gateway, as a reminder that God is always there, through the actions of others, to support us when we falter.

We are of course more joyous at the present time with Andrew having been so successful in his A-Level results and consequent acceptance to study History and

Politics at Cambridge University. That in itself is going to introduce more cares of the heart as we prepare for his going away and all that entails, but we are confident that, through our nurture and with God's help, he will be as successful in his independence in the next stage of his life as he has been in all he has done so far. How well we will bear up with him no longer in the house remains to be seen, something that I am sure many of you will have also gone through during your own lives.

However, when we need him, we cannot just wait for God to act, for prayer alone is for nought. It will be for us to ensure we actively seek out his presence in the actions of others and that we similarly ensure we share that presence with others through our own actions, enacting his will in the world for all that need him.

This is even more true in the current world with rising energy and other prices causing so much hurt, caused in part by our own actions and choices, or lack thereof.

Be a reflection of God in the world in your actions.

With every blessing in this ever challenging world, Tim

Activities Team update

Looking forward to September and beyond



Coffee Morning - Saturday 3rd September, 10 am to noon

Do come along if you can and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee/tea or soft drink. There will be the usual raffle and bric-a-brac stall. All are welcome.

Open Door Coffee Mornings

It's good that there's a bit of a return to 'normality' with Open Door Coffee Mornings returning to Tuesdays and Thursdays, another opportunity to meet up with friends and maybe as the days grow cooler a warm place to meet and save on our heating!

Film Club – Friday 9th September, 2.00 pm

The film we will be showing in September is the comedy-drama *Phantom of the Open (12)*. This tells the uplifting true story of Maurice Flitcroft, a crane operator and optimistic dreamer, who managed to gain entry to the 1976 British Open Golf Championship despite never playing a round of golf before.

Charity Cheque Presentation – Sunday 11th September at coffee

We look forward to welcoming representatives from Admiral Nurses, Pearey House and Woodlawn School who will each receive a cheque for £250.

Dates for the diary:

- **Afternoon Tea and screening of 50th URC Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration –** Saturday 1st October, 2 pm
- **Film Club –** Friday 14th October, 2 pm
- **Play Reading –** Saturday 22nd October, 7 pm
- **Art Exhibition –** Saturday 29th October, 10 am

Ann Hammond

Midweek Prayers at 10

Let us come together in prayer



Opening Words

Welcoming God,
You shape us and name us
and fill us with wonder
and You hold us in Your love.

Gracious God,
You call us and bless us
and fill us with longing
and You hold us in Your love.

Strengthening God,
You comfort us and question us
and fill us with courage
and You hold us in Your love.

Be with us now as we come
in a time of quiet
to be in Your presence
and feel Your love around us. AMEN

Prayer of Confession

Lord, let us not dwell in the past,
nor worry about the future.
We cannot undo what is done,
we cannot foresee what will come.
Let us instead dwell in Your peace,
loved and healed.

We give the past to You and rest in
Your forgiveness.
We give the future to You and rest in
Your love.
We live in Your light,
open our eyes that we may see.

We live in Your love,
let Your love flow through us
and bring the fulfilment of Your
kingdom. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name....
for thine is the kingdom the power
and the glory
For ever and ever. AMEN

Prayer of intercession

Loving God, Your world longs for
peace.
We pray for Your healing peace:
for countries at war,
for communities where there is
conflict, for victims past and present.
We pray for those who campaign for
justice,
for those championing the poor and
oppressed by challenging the
wealthy and powerful.
Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for Your healing peace:
for those racked by guilt or regret,
for those caught up in turbulent
relationships,
for those burdened with illness and
sorrow.
We pray for those who stand up and
question ways in our society

by being honest and open,
by searching for the truth,
Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for Your healing peace
between denominations,
within individual churches,
in our own hearts.
We pray for those who disturb us
with new visions and ideas,
provoking us to think afresh to our
calling.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Lord, we pray for the people of
St Andrew's.

Bless all those who faithfully serve
others in the duties of
the daily life of this church,
who work to bring the Word of God
to members and communities.
Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We offer these prayers in the name of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
AMEN

Blessing

May God give you wisdom.
May God grant you mercy.
May God give you fulness of life
And guide you, all of your life,
Through each day and the darkness.
AMEN

God's blessings on each one of you
now and forever more.

Submitted by the Hope 4 Team

What a star!!!

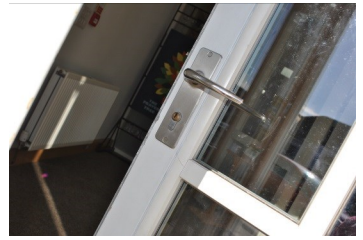
Well done Andrew on your 'A' level results...2 x A* and an A!
Good luck as you go to Cambridge to read History and Politics.
You have come a long way from Junior Church especially setting
out the trainset!

We shall all at St Andrew's have you in our thoughts and prayers.

Ann Sinclair

Returning to normal

Opening up to allow more in



In pre-Covid times September has seen the return of groups and organisations after their summer break, and whilst this is once again the case this year, there are a lot fewer users now due to some groups ceasing to exist.

With infection rates currently falling, and in accordance with national guidance, St Andrew's Elders are now satisfied that some further relaxation in current restrictions can take place, whilst continuing to safeguard the congregation especially bearing in mind that some are still more vulnerable than others. The restrictions now remaining are those centred around the serving of communion, which will be kept under review. So from September we are glad to see some return to 'normality' regarding services and other activities, these being detailed in other articles in this edition of Newstand.

This return to some sort of 'normality' brings to my mind the completion of the Development Project in September 2009 and the tremendous increase in use of the premises by both the church and other users which followed; a demand that continued up to 'Lock Down' in March 2020, due in no small part to the reputation that St Andrew's has for its quality of facilities, friendliness and the welcome it gives to users and visitors alike.

This resumption of services and activities is not without sadness when we recall those who are no longer with us; however as we turn our attention towards the future we look forward to attracting new people and organisations to St Andrew's as we continue to extend a warm welcome to all who cross our threshold.

With all good wishes,

Ray
Church Secretary

Time to get messy!

*Welcoming back children
and their older companions*



We are planning to reintroduce quarterly sessions of Messy Church, beginning on Sunday 2nd October at 3.30pm. We would welcome more adults to sit around a table with a small group of children and their parents, chatting and helping with simple crafts. Please have a word with me if you can help.

We will welcome all children aged approximately 3-11 years, accompanied by an adult. Please spread the word to any young families that you know. We have crafts, a story, a song and a prayer, followed by a buffet tea.

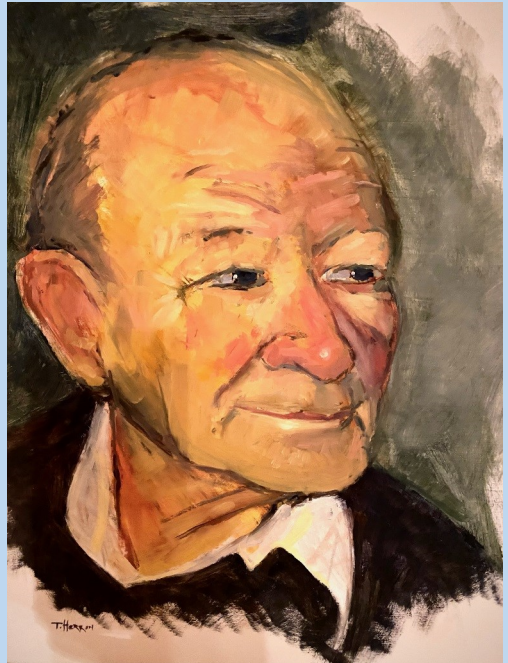
**Thank you,
Sue Ames**

Thank you to the St Andrew's family for all the kind messages and flowers received on the passing of our Dad, Peter Sayce.

From the beautiful funeral service conducted by Dr Ann Sinclair & contributions from Sue Ames to the refreshments in the church hall afterwards, St Andrew's really did do Peter proud. He would have been absolutely delighted. Thank you to each and every one of you.

**Linda Roseby
on behalf of the Sayce family.**

The portrait of Peter is by T. Herron from one of the sittings Peter did for the Art Group's life classes.



More ways to worship

Resuming some familiar services and other worship



September will herald the resumption of some more of the activities which had to be halted due to the pandemic.

On Monday the 5th, we shall be holding an afternoon service of seasonal hymns, readings and prayers, followed by refreshments. Designed originally for those people who for various reasons were unable to come to church on a Sunday morning, EVERYONE is welcome to attend. Lasting around half an hour, the service itself is shorter than our regular Sunday worship, and it's good to have another opportunity to chat over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits or cakes afterwards.

From Tuesday the 6th onwards, our midweek Act of Worship, which takes place in the Church Foyer and consists of a brief informal service of prayers, readings and reflections, usually with one hymn, reverts from a Wednesday to its original day of Tuesday. It will be followed by the Open Door Coffee Morning, which will also be changing from a Wednesday back to its original days of Tuesday and Thursday.

On Sunday the 11th (and on the second Sunday of each month thereafter), we look forward to

welcoming back Mandy Watson, who will lead our Praise Service (now renamed 'Let's Sing') at 9.30 am, and Prayer Group meeting at 10.15 am.

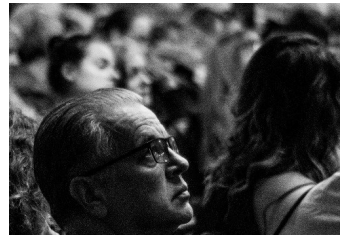
At around half an hour in duration, 'Let's Sing' features a range of more modern hymns and songs, together with a less formal style of prayer. The members of the Prayer Group gather in the Meeting Room for approximately 15 – 20 minutes of prayer and reflection. There is plenty of space for more people to join in, either with 'Let's Sing' or the Prayer Group, so if you've never been before, why not give either 'Let's Sing' or the Prayer Group (or both) a try? You might find you like them, and you'll still be in time for Morning Worship at 11.00 am if you wish to attend that too!!

On Sunday the 25th we shall be celebrating Harvest, and again after a long interval (during which time they've been very much missed) we're hoping to welcome back the members of the Uniformed Organisations for a Parade Service. It's always good to have the young people among us again, and see their flags on display – a real breath of fresh air.

Carole Mallett

58 Society new season

Popular talks from interesting speakers for all to enjoy



We would advise and extend a warm invitation to the 2022-2023 season of the St Andrew's 58 Society which commences at 7.30 pm on Monday 3rd October 2022. We have an interesting programme of speakers on very diverse topics for the forthcoming season the first four being as follows:-

- Ben Haddon – Geordie Doon the Pit (03.10.22)
- Prof. Neville Harris – John Mortimer & Rumpole of the Bailey (17.10.22)
- Rev. Bill Miller – A Funny Thing Happened (31.10.22)
- Dr Peter Jones – From Phlegm to Haemorrhoids – Ancient Greek Medicine. (14.11.22)

The Society meets at 7.30 pm on Monday fortnightly at St Andrew's Church Hall, Eastfield Avenue, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU. There is time for a friendly chat afterwards, with a cup of tea or coffee and biscuit.

Each year we have two social events and hold a Saturday Coffee Morning.

All are welcome and can attend as a guest for each individual session for £2.50 or hopefully to join for the complete season for only £15.00.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our new season.

John Thorpe

A teenager asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said "You get good A level grades, study your Bible and get your hair cut, then we'll talk." The boy agreed. Some time later, the father said "I'm pleased with your grades and I note you've been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed with your long hair." The boy said, "OK, but I've noticed in my studies that Samson, John the Baptist, Moses and probably Jesus all had long hair." His father replied, "And did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

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Notification of deaths



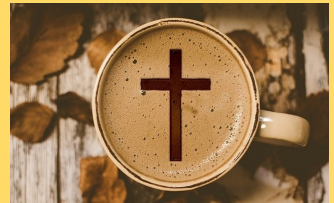
SAYCE Peter, aged 95 years,
on 17th July 2022.
Service and committal at
Whitley Bay on 15th August
conducted by Dr Ann Sinclair.

POSTLE Dorothy, aged 99 years,
on 20th July 2022.
Committal at Tynemouth on
8th August, followed by service
at St Andrew's, conducted by
Dr Ann Sinclair and Revd Gordon Connacher.

Midweek Worship and Open Door Coffee

Please note that the Midweek Act of Worship
followed by Open Door Coffee will be reverting
to **Tuesday at 10am** from 6th September.

Open Door Coffee will also be on **Thursdays
from 10.30am — Noon.**



October Newstand

The next edition of Newstand will be out on 2nd October.
Please have contributions to Tim by 26th September.

St. Andrew's 100 Club

You have to be in it to win it!

The July draw took place on Saturday 31st July when Iain Ord drew the following numbers:

1)	Number 103	Rachel Lee	£117.00
2)	Number 51	Carol Turnbull	£58.50
3)	Number 85	Geoff Mills	£19.50

With £195.00 going to Church Funds.

Kathleen Hopper

A few more “Questions of the day”

No wrong answers, only various forms of right

Are you still trying to work out the answers to “Questions of the day” from last month? If you are they were: 1 — Mishap was the odd one out as the only word containing “sh” but not sounded as such, unlike the other words, and 2 — Tiny/Tin, Boot/Boo, Ready/Read.

Now, are you ready for a few more?

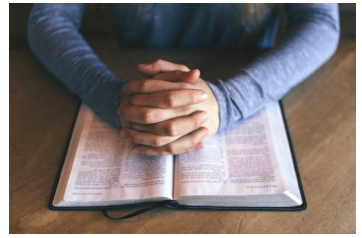
1. Which is the odd one out and why: Ruby, Cherry, Plum, Tomato, Beef, Banana.
2. If $1 + 9 + 8 = 1$, what does $2 + 8 + 9$ equal?
3. Add two letters to each of these words to get new words. The added letters will form a new word that will have you in a bit of a spin: Met, Cons, Sock, Has
4. My sixth, fifth and second letters make a drink; my fourth, fifth, second and third are a fruit; my first, second and sixth could be a pet; my third, second and sixth are something you could smell and that my first, second and sixth might pursue. What am I?

As before, answers in the next edition or come see me if you are really desperate!

Tim

Northern Synod Prayer Diary

*Joining in our weekly prayers
with the wider URC*



4	Climate Sunday. Green Apostle Revd Trevor Jamison and the congregation he serves – St Columba's, North Shields.
11	Education Sunday. Racial Justice Sunday. Revd Ryan Simmons; St James's URC, Newcastle; St Andrew's URC, Kenton; Jesmond URC; West End URC.
18	Longframlington URC; Rothbury URC; St Andrew's URC, Glanton; Revd Ed Butlin.
25	Peace-making Sunday. PCM, Lay training and evening classes at Khovo in Maputo. Northern Baptist Regional Minister, Revd Paul Revill.

From the Book of Remembrance

Remembering those who have gone before us

John Coull

Amelia Ann Owen

John R. F. Lochrane

Margaret J. Lochrane

James Porterfield

Mabel Jane MacLennan

Rene Cummergen

Mary Milroy Williams

Dennis Forster

Thelma and John Dodd

Dorothy Grandison

Sheila Ann Lowrie

Margaret Norman Lee

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Church Calendar for September / October

Sunday services are broadcast via YouTube for those not able to attend in person or just to watch again in your own time (search for "monkseatonurc").

Following Sunday morning worship, refreshments are served in the Main Hall.

Reminder:

Midweek Worship: Tuesday 10 am followed by Open Door Coffee Morning.

Open Door Coffee Morning: Thursday 10.30 am - 12 pm.

Friday	2	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
Saturday	3	Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Sunday	4	Communion Service; Dr Ann Sinclair	11.00 am
Monday	5	Monday Afternoon Service, followed by refreshments	2.00 pm
Thursday	8	Pastoral Team Meeting, followed by Elders' Meeting	7.00 pm
Friday	9	Film Club - 'The Phantom of the Open' (not 'opera')	2.00 pm
Sunday	11	'Let's Sing' (Praise Service)	9.30 am
		Prayer Group	10.15 am
		Morning Worship; Mrs Lucy Cooke. Charity cheque presentation takes place during coffee time.	11.00 am
Tuesday	13	Finance Team Meeting	10.00 am
Sunday	18	Morning Worship; Mrs Hannah Middleton. Church Meeting follows service.	11.00 am
Saturday	24	Poetry Evening	7.00 pm
Sunday	25	Harvest and Parade Service; Mrs Valerie Taylor	11.00 am
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Saturday	1	Afternoon Tea, to celebrate 50th anniversary of URC, with national service being screened at 3 pm.	2.00 pm
Sunday	2	Communion Service; Mrs Lucy Cooke	11.00 am
		Messy Church	3.30 pm
Monday	3	58 Society re-commences	7.30 pm
Tuesday	4	Worship Group Meeting	7.00 pm
Friday	7	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am

Pause in this moment

A place for
prayers,
thoughts
and poems

Lone Dog

by Irene Rutherford McLeod

I'm a lean dog, a keen dog, a wild dog,
and lone;
I'm a rough dog, a tough dog, hunting on
my own;
I'm a bad dog, a mad dog, teasing silly
sheep;
I love to sit and bay the moon, to keep fat
souls from sleep.

I'll never be a lap dog, licking dirty feet,
A sleek dog, a meek dog, cringing for my
meat,
Not for me the fireside, the well-filled plate,
But shut door, and sharp stone, and cuff
and kick, and hate.

Not for me the other dogs, running by my
side,
Some have run a short while, but none of
them would bide.
O mine is still the lone trail, the hard trail, the
best,
Wide wind, and wild stars, and hunger of
the quest!

Submitted by Sheila Blackwood

