



# NEWSTAND

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*Links to the past become hopes for the future*

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# New beginnings

*Making a new start,  
but keeping links to the past*



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By the time you read this I will have dropped Andrew off at his halls of residence in Pembroke College, Cambridge, with sufficient clothing and other necessities to keep him going for at least the first three or four weeks of his time at the university, before we as a family are able to visit him again later in October. [sniff, sniff]

As Andrew makes his new start at university, we ourselves are hoping for our new start as a church with a new Minister, but, like one of the "Questions of the day", this month, in order to come up with something new, we still need to include elements of the past. We can hope that our new Minister will be able to provide that link between some of the things we hold dear from the past and things that will ensure St. Andrew's continues to be a leading church within the URC for the foreseeable future, perhaps well beyond the lifetimes of most of us. That can be in the style of worship, the hymns and worship songs, the people we welcome to church and the "services" we can offer them.

In the same way, Jesus and indeed the Apostles were the link between the "old" Jewish teachings and the new "Christian" faith, ensuring the

continuity of God's word but reinterpreting it and bringing it to a new people.

We ourselves also have a part to play, given the chance to link St. Andrew's and the URC built over many decades (each celebrating our own anniversaries this year) with the modern world; a world that is perhaps not in keeping with the world that we were brought up to know and understand, but one that "modern" thinking, science and experience has shown we have a responsibility to embrace with open hands and a loving heart; one where the attitudes and behaviours of others perhaps seem odd or even abhorrent, but that our Christian teaching requires us to love as we do ourselves.

May the new beginning that we look forward to with a new Minister allow us to retain our links with the church that offers such a warm welcome to all. But may we also realise that we as a Church are the ones who need to establish the links with those to whom we still do not offer all that they need to find new faith in Christ and new life with each other.

Take every care and blessing,  
Tim

# Activities Team update

*Looking forward to October and beyond*



## Charity Cheque Presentation

On Sunday 11th September we presented cheques to the charities chosen by church members for 2021. Representatives from Admiral Nurses, Pearey House and Woodlawn School attended and were very grateful for their cheques for £250 each. They each spoke about their respective charities and the valuable work which is carried out.



Charity representatives with Ann Hammond.  
Photo: Chris Hales

## Film Club – Friday 14th October, 2.00 pm

The film we will be showing in October is the comedy-drama *Phantom of the Open (12)* which was postponed in September following the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The film 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.

## Play Reading – Saturday 22nd October, 7 pm

We look forward to another evening of either taking part or just listening to a play, usually a comedy, being read. These are entertaining and sociable occasions so why not come along and join the fun? Tickets are available at £5 (to include wine/soft drinks and nibbles).

## Art Exhibition

We are delighted to see the return of St Andrew's Art Club's popular Art Exhibition and Sale on **Saturday 29th October from 10 am to 1.30 pm**. Do come along if you can to browse and/or buy plus enjoy coffee and light lunches..

## Dates for the Diary

### Film Club –

Friday 11th November, 2.00 pm

### Poetry Evening –

Saturday 19th November, 7.00 pm

### Christmas Fair –

Saturday 3rd December, 10 am

**Ann Hammond**

# Midweek Prayers at 10

Let us come together in prayer



Southwest California  
Synod 2017

## **Opening Prayer**

Gracious and loving Lord,  
we come to You at this time  
to be still.

We come to You

to hear Your words to us.

We come to You to share our  
thoughts and concerns with You.

Gracious and loving God,  
be with us at this time of quiet.

**AMEN**

## **Prayer of Confession**

If I ignore those around me, I lose.

If I think only of myself, I lose.

If I trust only myself, I lose.

If I am open to what others have to  
share with me, ready to receive, and  
open to give, I win,

not only for myself but for others.

Help us, God, to look to others in  
need and hope

and in doing so we all win

and are fulfilled by Your love and  
grace.

**AMEN**

**The Lord Jesus taught his disciples to pray and let us say also:** *Our Father which art in heaven...For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever*

**AMEN**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayer of Concerns for the world.**

Thank you, great God, for the  
wonderful world that You created,  
for all that is in Your world, the beauty  
of the natural world  
and all the gifts that You have  
provided for all people of the world.

But what has humankind done to Your  
world?

We pray for a world torn apart with  
hatred, conflict,  
dishonesty and cruelty.  
A world full of suspicion, intolerance  
and loathing.

We pray for those people in the world  
starving because of selfishness,  
thirsty for clean water,  
cold for lack of heating,  
dying for lack of medicine.  
God, teach us how to truly love  
that the world may be one.

We pray for the world,  
wanting to help, willing to give,  
open to share,  
willing to be compassionate.  
God, teach us how to truly love  
that the world may be one.

We pray for a world  
that may be united as one  
and there may be justice and peace.  
Help us to show our empathy  
by our love in actions and words.  
In the name of Jesus, who gave  
himself in love for all. **AMEN**

### **Blessing**

God, giver of peace, grow hope  
within us and around us.  
God of steadfast love, be with us in

our daily living, giving us hope,  
courage, healing and peace.

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the  
love of God and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit be with each and everyone  
of us and those we love now and  
forever more. **AMEN**

**Submitted on behalf  
of the Hope 4 Team**

*Some prayers inspired by  
Donald Hilton Seasons & Celebrations*

## **St Andrew's Bible Study Group**

### *Joseph*

Following a break for the summer,  
the first session of our next bible  
study will take place on **Friday  
October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 via Zoom** and  
for the following 4 Fridays. (Please  
note the change of day compared  
to the previous sessions).

We will study 'Joseph', whose story  
is told in the book of Genesis. One  
of the twelve sons of Israel and of  
'coat of many colours' fame we will  
discover a man of great resilience  
and integrity who was a person of  
great character. Following the five  
weeks on Joseph, we plan to  
continue with an advent bible  
study.

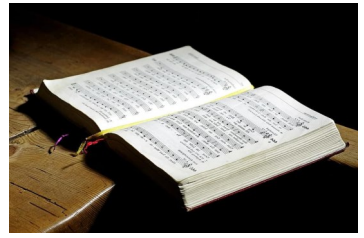
Our bible study will be led by Ann  
Sinclair (with Alison Mood in admin  
support). As before we will email  
out details of the bible reading and  
a few ideas for discussion before  
each session, together with the  
zoom link that you will need.

Everyone will be most welcome to  
join in. If you have been a member  
of the group before we will  
automatically send you the  
materials, but if you would like to  
join please contact Ann or Alison  
and we will add you to the group.  
The sessions are interesting and  
enjoyable and a time of great  
fellowship. There is no obligation to  
join the discussion, just join us to  
listen.

If you would like more information  
please contact Ann Sinclair or  
Alison Mood or chat to us in church.  
Email: eannsinsclair14@gmail.com or  
alison.mood@talktalk.net

# Hymns Old and New

## *Mixing the traditional with the contemporary*



Hymns are integral to Christian worship. I have heard them referred to as 'singing a prayer' and certainly that can be said of the Psalms. Any hymn book, whatever denomination, is full of hymns and psalms, introits and doxologies that come under different headings on a range of themes that include God's creation to God's Forgiving Love to Christ's Life and Ministry, Resurrection and Ascension Discipleship, Justice and Peace and Reconciliation. Many of these hymns and certainly the Psalms date back centuries as does the music they were set to, for example a reference to St Columba 521-597 AD. Great hymn writers and composers also stretch back across time such as Julian of Norwich (1342-1416), Bianco da Siena (1434), George Herbert (1593- 1633), Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Charles and John Wesley (1707-1788 & 1703-1791 respectively) to modern hymn writers in the twentieth century that include Fred Kaan, John Bell, Graham Maule, Graham Kendrick, Shirley Erena Murray, Brian Wren and Bernadette Farrell to name a few.

Some of the traditional hymns have been set to modern music such as *All People that on Earth Do Dwell* to an upbeat tune by Rodger Jones, and John Bell and Graham Maule have a book *Know Unknown* of contemporary texts to common tunes. When we sing new words to familiar tunes or familiar words to new tunes there are challenges and not just to the organist. The new tune or words perhaps make us stop and think of the words, or give a different meaning through the change in music.

Over the last two weeks there has been a change in the wording of a familiar hymn, a specific word to be precise, a word that have been used in churches across the land for 70 years. A change to hymn number 762 in Rejoice and Sing-the National Anthem of the United Kingdom, the origin uncertain but dated around 1745. The words in the copies of hymn books at present read: *God save our gracious Queen*; however, Queen Elizabeth II died on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and on her passing King Charles immediately succeeded and

became King Charles III. As such, a word has changed from queen to king, the rest of the words in respect of saving and longing to reign over us remain the same.

Change- we all face change in so many aspects of our life, however if we look at the words of hymn 762 what does remain is the everlasting presence of God and throughout our hymn books, old and new hymns God's presence is there in our singing. Our praise to God is central to worship and in that praise across the whole of the hymns and psalms in our hymn

books and in all denominations and in all the other aspects of singing God's praise-God is there no matter the changes in words or music. In Psalm 46 perhaps the words: *God is our refuge and our strength...* encapsulate our total dependence on God as obedient servants and give us the promise that God is always there for us no matter what we are going through, troubled times and joyful times God is with us.

***Blessings,***  
***Ann Sinclair***

## Luca's Baptism

On Sunday 16th Oct at 1pm our Great Grandson, Luca, is to be baptised and we hope that you will be able to celebrate with us.

We are so grateful for all your love and support during the last few months and hope you will feel able to stay for the service.

I had hoped to make cakes to be enjoyed with coffee after our normal Church Service, but instead there will be alternative cakes to keep you going till 1 pm!

Please join us if you are able.

***Barbara Watson***



Photo: Laura Wood

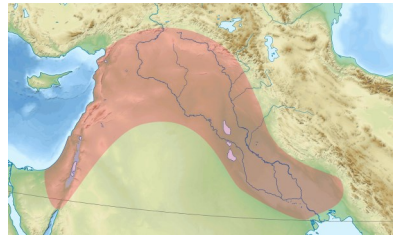


# Biblical History Group

## Putting The Word into context

As a spin-off from the Bible Study Group, there is a new group forming from the interest that was raised in the Bible Study Group of the historical foundations of the Bible...where did it all come from? As such the aim of this new group is to explore the background history of the peoples of the Bible. We will look at the landscape, climate and environment, as well as historical and archaeological evidence, in order to gain a deeper understanding of time and place.

The first meeting will take place on Monday 31st October 2-3pm in the Meeting Room and thereafter once a month.



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Under the guidance of Rhoda Lee, we will be exploring the "Fertile Crescent", the area covered by the great river systems of the Tigris and Euphrates, starting with the Early Bronze Age (3000 - 2000 BC), a period which sees the development of palaces, city states, developed cuneiform script and the use of metal axes and daggers.

For any further details please contact:  
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**Rhoda Lee & Ann Sinclair**

**A warm invitation is extended to all friends from St Andrew's to attend St. Peter's Players' next production, which will take place during the evenings of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October in the Crosskeys Hall, Elmwood Road, Monkseaton.**

**The group will be performing two seasonally themed one-act plays, 'Finger of Fate' and 'The Witching Hour'.**

**Tickets will shortly be available and can be obtained via Sue Ames or Carole Mallett.**

# Belisimo!

## *A new beginners course in Italian*

A new Beginners course will be starting at St Andrew's in October:

Thursdays 10.00-11.00

Cost – a donation

Some languages are easier for English speakers to learn than others, and Italian has a few advantages in this regard. As a native English speaker there will be many words in the Italian language which are already familiar to you. Approximately 30 per cent of words in the English language are of Latin origin, and Italian remains the most closely associated with Latin. A peculiarity of the Italian language also lies in its musicality.



Italian is probably the language most linked to the world of art and culture: from painting to architecture, from literature to music, from design to food and wine.

Delaying Alzheimer's and dementia can be a challenging task – but part of maintaining healthy cognitive brain function lies in challenging the mind. One of the most beneficial and successful ways to do this is by learning a new language!

Why not give it a try?

**Carole Moore**

## Church Register

### *Notification of death*

#### **BURKE**

James, aged 84 years,  
on 31st July 2022.

Service at St Andrew's  
on 26th August, followed by  
committal at Whitley Bay,  
conducted by Dr Ann Sinclair.



# Delivery of hope

## *Bibles arrive in war-torn Ukraine*

During the summer, some 168,000 Bibles and other Scripture-based books have been delivered to war-torn Ukraine.

Bibles have been in increasing demand since the war broke out. Living surrounded by death has caused people to ask questions about life,' said Anatoliy Raychynets, deputy general secretary of the Ukrainian Bible Society. 'I have personally delivered several thousands of Bibles from hand to hand,' said Anatoliy. 'It is light in the darkness.'

Among the recent delivery were 34,000 compact Bibles in Ukrainian, 7,000 New Testaments and 57,000 booklets entitled *Beyond Disaster* which enable people to look at the trauma they've experienced through the light of the Bible. 'These are excellent for people on the move, who can't take much with them,' said Anatoliy.

Being able to give away small copies of the Bible is important when 14 million Ukrainians are internally displaced by the war. Since it began, the Bible Society of Ukraine has been delivering bread, first aid and copies of the Bible, but stocks soon ran low as demand outstripped supply.



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Anatoliy explained how the Bible speaks into daily life. 'Daily life is heavy,' he said. 'You feel so tired. But, together with churches, we're doing our best to bring light to the darkness. The darkness is very deep. I want to express gratefulness for all the support.'

Donations to the Bible Society have helped to make this possible, with more than £1 million raised for Bibles for people in and fleeing Ukraine. This has meant that since the war began, some 655,700 Bibles and other Scriptures such as New Testaments in Ukrainian and Russian have been delivered to people fleeing the conflict. So far they have been delivered to Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia, as well as to Ukrainian refugees in the UK.

Bible Society's Oldi Morava said, 'We are incredibly touched by the generosity of our supporters and the unwavering commitment of our colleagues in Ukraine, who have made this delivery of Bibles to the people of Ukraine possible, and in so doing, bring words of hope to people living in unbelievable circumstances.'

*Author: Hazel Southam,  
via Association for Church Editors*

# News of another member of Junior Church

## *Congratulations!*

...to Laura Fleetham, daughter of Jennifer and granddaughter of Marilyn and Allan Walton, who grew up in her church life as an active member of Junior Church. Laura did extremely well on her GCSE results in August this year and achieved As and Bs across the 9 subject areas she studied. She is now set to begin her A level studies in Psychology, Religious Studies and Biology.

But that's not all. This summer Laura attended the Cowal Gathering in Dunoon, Argyll, an event that draws the cream of Highland dancers and pipers from across the world. The event gives the opportunity for dancers to display their grace, skill and stamina as they dance in competition to select a world champion. Laura danced well in a set of 98 dancers and is now motivated to return next year to reach top grade. Additionally, she won her pre-championships in Forfar last month so is now a Championship dancer.



*Photo: Jennifer Fleetham*

Well done Laura on all sets of results... keep on dancing and studying!

**Ann Sinclair**

# In the garden:

## *Hedgehogs need your help*



Alexa / Pixabay

According to Fay Vass, CEO of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society: 'Hedgehogs as we know them today have lived here for at least half a million years, but they're now facing myriad pressures which are causing populations to plummet, particularly in rural areas. The reasons for their decline are complex and aren't yet fully understood, but two of the main pressures faced by hedgehogs in rural and urban areas is lack of suitable habitat, and habitat fragmentation.'

And to help us to encourage hedgehogs back into our gardens, where most gardeners will tell you they are welcome because they eat snails, slugs and insects, and help keep disease and pest infections under control, the RSPCA offers some useful gardening tips:

- Cover holes: hedgehogs can easily fall into uncovered drains or holes - check them every day.
- Give hedgehogs a way out of ponds and pools: place bricks or stones at the side of ponds, or create a sloped edge on part of the pond to give them a way to climb out if they fall in. Cover swimming pools overnight and when they're not in use.
- Check for hedgehogs before using a strimmer or a mower, particularly under hedges, where they might be resting during the day. If you're forking over a compost heap, check it first for any nesting hogs.
- Always thoroughly disturb a bonfire immediately before you light it, there could be hedgehogs nesting or hiding inside. Moving the whole bonfire by hand before setting it alight is the best way of ensuring that hedgehogs and other wildlife aren't sleeping in it.
- Make sure you dispose of litter which can be real hazard - hedgehogs can get their heads stuck in tins, plastic bags, binders from drinks cans or discarded yoghurt pots. Make sure you dispose of your rubbish safely and check there's no litter in your garden.
- Raise any netting: make sure it's at least a foot above ground level, as hedgehogs can easily become tangled up in it. Pack away or roll up fruit nets, tennis and goal nets when they're not in use. RSPCA recommends replacing any netting in your garden with solid metal mesh if possible, as it's less likely to entangle hedgehogs.

- Don't close your shed doors if you usually keep them open, as there might be hedgehogs nesting inside.
- Keep any dangerous chemicals or tools well off the ground. If you need to dismantle your shed, check carefully underneath the floor first for nesting or hibernating hedgehogs.
- Avoid slug pellets and pesticides as these can poison hedgehogs and should only be used as a last resort. Instead, try using one of many natural alternatives, such as

sprinkling crushed eggshells or coffee grounds around the plants you need to protect. If you must use pellets, place them under a slate that is inaccessible to hedgehogs. The outdoor use of slug pellets containing metaldehyde was banned in Great Britain from March 2022.

For more information from RSPCA about hedgehogs:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/animals/hedgehogs/garden>

## Recipe of the month

### *Tea Loaf*

This simple recipe was often a challenge in annual village produce shows.

#### **Ingredients**

- 200ml cold black tea
- 225g mixed dried fruit
- 225g self-raising flour
- 100g caster sugar
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 3tbs orange marmalade

#### **Method**

1. Place fruit in a small bowl, pour over cold tea, leave to soak overnight or until fruit swells.



2. Pre-heat oven 180°C /160°C fan /Gas 4.
3. Grease a 900g/2lb loaf tin.
4. In a larger bowl combine flour, sugar, egg and marmalade, add fruit and tea mix, stir thoroughly.
5. Bake for 1 hour.
6. Leave to rest for 10 minutes, then turn out to cool.

# St. Andrew's 100 Club

*You have to be in it to win it!*

The August draw took place on Sunday 28th August when Robert Chisholm drew the following numbers:

1)	Number 5	Dorothy Wilson	£117.00
2)	Number 75	Gordon Yarrow	£58.50
3)	Number 36	Pat Robson	£19.50

With £195.00 going to Church Funds.

**Kathleen Hopper**

## A few Answers to “Questions of the day”

*Did you get them all?*

1. Which is the odd one out and why: Ruby, Cherry, Plum, Tomato, Beef, Banana. *“Tomato”, as all the others are varieties of tomato rather than just the fruit itself (Yes, there is a “Banana” tomato!)*
2. If  $1 + 9 + 8 = 1$ , what does  $2 + 8 + 9$  equal? *Ten (the initial letters of the numbers make the number after the equals).*
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. *Add respectively Ro, Ul, Et, Te to get Roulette*
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? *A carpet.*

Want some more? Check the next page!

**Tim**

# Too many questions

*But I'm sure you can work out the answers*



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## Word tree

From the following descriptions, find the words, changing one letter each time to get the next:

- Something you wear
- Skin of fruit
- Moving air
- An alcoholic drink
- A trailing plant

## Making a difference

Add a single word to the end of each word in these three groups to get new words:

- Land, Water, Hall
- Heat, Back, Key
- Coffee, Kitchen, Times

## Ends and Beginings

Add a three letter word to the end of the first word and start of the second to come up with two new words:

- Tops, Skin
- Hear, Ant
- Post, Less

## Odd one out

Which of these is the odd one out and why?

- Team mate
- Inefficiencies
- Reappear
- Signings
- Appeases
- Intestines

**Thank you** to the Flower Team for the beautiful flowers in memory of my Sheila.

**Harry Lowrie**

## November Newstand

The next edition of Newstand will be out on 30th October. Please have contributions to Tim by 24th October.



# October Rotas

Remember —  
the clocks go back too!



**Elders:**           **Vestry**           Ann Hammond  
                          **Reception**       Chris Hales  
                          **Communion**     Carole Mallett

**Stewards:**       **Vestibule**       Celia Purves  
                          **Finance**        Pat Wardle

**Sunday 2nd** Preacher: Lucy Cooke       Organ: Paul Hartley  
Prayers: Barbara Burgess   Readers: Jenny Hooper/ Kevin Ames

**Tuesday 4th** Prayers: Sues Ames

**Sunday 9th** 9.30 Let's Sing Service: Mandy Watson  
10.15 Prayers: Mandy Watson  
11.00 Preacher: Philip Gray                           Organ: Hymnal  
Prayers: Hazel Hall   Readers: Susan Clark/Paul Hartley

**Tuesday 11th** Prayers: Sandra Pine

**Sunday 16th** Preacher: Ann Sinclair       Organ: Paul Hartley  
Prayers: Chris Hales   Readers: Kathleen Hopper/Catriona Fenwick

**Tuesday 18th** Prayers: Una Ketteridge

**Sunday 23rd** Preacher: Val Taylor       Organ: Alex  
Prayers: Val Taylor   Readers: Barbara Burgess/Sandra Pine

**Tuesday 25th** Prayers: Carole Mallett

**Sunday 30th** Worship Group                           Organ: Hymnal  
Prayers: Worship Group   Readers: Celia Purves/Mary Christopher

# Northern Synod Prayer Diary

*Joining in our weekly prayers  
with the wider URC*



2	Preparations for October Synod Meeting (15 October). Moderator's Secretary, Mrs Wendy Watson; Trust Officer, Mr Andrew Atkinson; Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Hogg.
9	Homeless Sunday and Prisons Week (9-15 October). United Church of Christ New York Conference, and Conference Minister Revd David Gaewski.
16	For the Joint Public Issues Team and its work. The work of Mission Committee and Convenor, Revd Dr Grant Wilson; the Synod's Racial Justice Advocate, Pat Poinen; the Synod's Rural Consultant, Revd Ian Ring. North East England Divisional Salvation Army Commanders, Majors David and Gillian Burns,
23	Revd Mary Taylor; Wooler URC; PCM, their retired ministers and those newly appointed to posts with PCM.
30	West Denton URC, Newcastle; Robert Stewart Memorial URC, Newcastle.

## From the Book of Remembrance

*Remembering those who have gone before us*

Charles Gordon  
Mallett  
Edward Rye  
Eleanor Jackson  
Isabella Fisher  
Henry Brandon  
Mary Brandon

Anne Robson  
Jack Pearson  
Peggy Pearson  
Hughina Simpson  
Winifred Charlton  
Winifred Emily Rye  
Edith Robson

Joan Mary Forster  
Joy Adamson  
William Malcolm  
Dickinson  
Alec William Skee  
Sheila Hartley

# 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.

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

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Communion Service; Mrs Lucy Cooke</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
		<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>3.30 pm</b>
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
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>'Let's Sing' (former Praise Service)</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
		<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>10.15 am</b>
		<b>Morning Worship; Revd Philip Gray</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Thursday	13	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
Friday	14	Film Club – 'Phantom of the Open'	2.00 pm
Saturday	15	Northern Synod Meeting at St Andrew's	10.00 am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Morning Worship; Dr Ann Sinclair</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
		<b>Baptism of Luca Wood</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b>
Monday	17	58 Society	7.30 pm
Saturday	22	Play Reading Evening	7.00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Morning Worship; Mrs Valerie Taylor</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Saturday	29	Art Exhibition	10.00 am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Morning Worship; Worship Group</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Monday	31	Biblical History Class	2.00 pm
		58 Society	7.30 pm

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# Pause in this moment

A place for  
prayers,  
thoughts  
and poems

## **A Harvest Prayer for East Africa from Christian Aid**

Loving and compassionate God,  
when famine stalks the land, nothing grows.  
Plants cannot, people cannot, ideas and  
dreams cannot.

Everything withers and dies.

It is a violent aberration of your will for the  
world

and it is multiplied now by conflict, climate  
change and Covid.

God of the flourishing field, there is enough  
to feed us all.

Call us to that sacred sharing neighbour, to  
global neighbour.

Your gifts of food, water,  
a chance to live the life so delicately  
crafted by your divine spirit.

We will not turn away, but turn towards  
each other

with generosity and a justice-driven  
compassion that searches for solutions.

Famine stalks the land, so may our outrage  
grow,

may our determination steel itself,  
may our solidarity spur us into action.

God of the flourishing field, help us feed  
each other. Amen

