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Pray for peace

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Musing from the Manse

Praying for Peace



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The events in the Middle East over the last two weeks have, understandably, shocked and saddened many of us. This is a part of the world where the locations seem so very familiar, we have read the place names regularly in the Bible.

The advice to the people in the North of the Gaza Strip to seek safety in the South has resulted in over 2 million people crammed into a space not quite 25 miles deep. This space has no water or electricity, food is running out and services already under pressure are literally breaking down. Lack of food and water means that many are returning to their homes in the North, even though their safety there cannot be guaranteed.

The resulting humanitarian costs and implications are enormous. The words of Pope Francis insightfully remind us that "terrorism and war do not lead to any solution, but only to death and suffering of so many innocent people".

How do we as Christians respond to what we see on the news, read in our newspapers and hear on the radio?

We could begin by acknowledging that those living in both Gaza and Israel are our brothers and sisters and

therefore, deserve any help we can offer them. By agreeing to send financial aid from church funds and from our collections over the past weeks, we are helping in some way by supporting the work of the aid agencies working in the area.

We must also stop looking for a common enemy. We must acknowledge the need to reform our hearts before we can consider what is wrong in the hearts of others. In Luke's Gospel we read the warning, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" The message of the cross was never intended to change other people without first changing us.

And last but by no means least, we must pray. We must pray individually, from that place we find deep within us that cries out to a God who hears us and knows us. We must pray collectively, whenever we are gathered with others, uniting our prayers and taking comfort from the fact that God hears and answers our prayers. Let us not be afraid of silence in our praying, allowing God to enter into the longings of our hearts when even our words seem inadequate.

Louise

Activities Team update

More things to look forward to!



Coffee Morning Saturday 4th November 10 am – 12 noon

Do come along if you can and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea or soft drink amongst friends.

Film Club Friday 10th November 2 pm

The film this month will be *Harriet (12)* and is based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter. Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery and became one of America's greatest heroes. She defied impossible odds to change the course of her life and the fate of the nation.

Church Fair Saturday 18th November 10 am – 2 pm

This is the main community activity for St Andrew's and we look forward to seeing lots of folk at the Fair. Do come along if you can to browse and hopefully buy from the various stalls. During the day refreshments of coffee and light lunches will be served. More details elsewhere in Newstand. Contributions to the stalls can be left at the church during the day on

Friday 17th November or collection can be arranged (tel. 252 3319 or 07866 690604).

Dates for the Diary

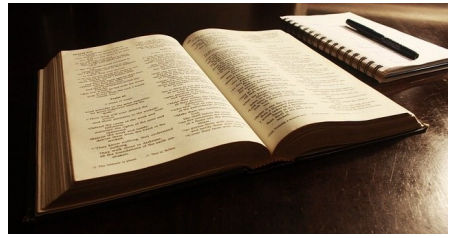
- **Coffee Morning**
Saturday 2nd December
- **Film Club**
Friday 8th December
- **Festive Poems & Sketches**
Saturday 9th December

Ann Hammond



A time for Bible study

Of Moses and of Advent



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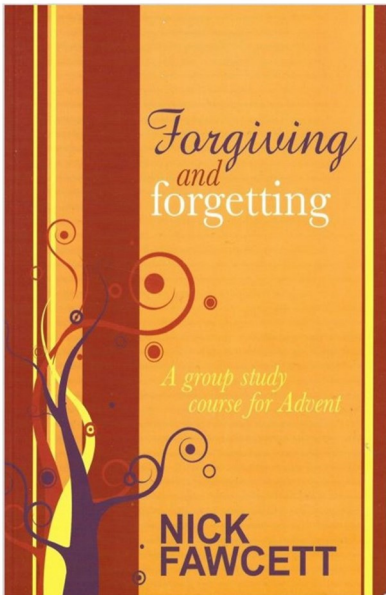
Bible Study on Zoom has begun again. This time the focus is on the life of Moses using the study guide: *Meek but Mighty* by Dorothy Russell. There are four weeks left of this study. We finish this study on the 17th November.

If you would like to join us, we meet on Zoom on Friday morning 10.30-11.30am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 874 4139 7490
Passcode: 192167

Contact Ann Sinclair or Alison Mood for further information

There will then be a break as we join with St. Columba's for a joint Advent course, details of which are below.



Join us for a 4 week Advent course – *Forgiving and Forgetting* Led by Trevor Jamison & Louise Sanders

Choose a day or venue that suits you and come along when or where you can. Feel free to mix and match the venue or time that suits your schedule.

St Andrew's URC Monkseaton: Mondays at 2pm
Nov 27th, Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th

St Columba's URC North Shields: Thursdays at 7.15pm
Nov 30th, Dec 7th, 14th, and 21st

Online Zoom: Mondays from 7.15pm
Nov 27th, Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th

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Ecumenical Services

Joining our friends in Christ to worship indoors and out



Eva Walker

Remembrance Day Service

Our church is taking part in an ecumenical outdoor Remembrance Day service in the village, opposite Spar store, on Saturday 11th November at 10.30 am. Refreshments will be served in Monkseaton Methodist Chapel after the short service.

“Travelling in Advent”

You are welcome to join a short series of ecumenical, informal gatherings on Friday lunchtimes at 12.30 pm on 24th November, 1st December, 8th December and

15th December – of course, as usual, followed by our delicious bowls of homemade soup. The theme this year over the four Fridays will be: ‘Travelling in Advent’

“Carols around the Christmas Tree”

Another ecumenical service: “Carols around the Christmas Tree” – outdoors, opposite the Spar store, on Saturday 23rd December at 4.00 pm.

All are welcome to any and all the services. Hope to see you there!

Valerie Taylor

St. Andrew’s 100 Club

You have to be in it to win it!

The September draw took place on 24th September when Paul Hartley drew the following numbers:



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|----------|----------------|---------|
| 1) No 33 | Laura Fleetham | £115.50 |
| 2) No 29 | Bill Hopper | £57.75 |
| 3) No 15 | Karin McCue | £19.25 |

With £192.50 going to Church Funds.

Kathleen Hopper

Prayers at Home

Bringing ourselves together in a moment of peace



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Opening words

Lord, we come to You, in the quiet spaces, to be in Your presence. We come to You to bring our prayers and our concerns at this time of remembrance.

We come to You in sorrow of the wars that continue across the world; of the destruction; of the loss of lives.

Lord, in this time, we come to You in prayer crying out for peace.

Lord, hear our prayers. AMEN

A Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in this broken world we remember the fallen of countless wars, in the past and the present day.

We come before you to confess our weaknesses, past and present, as individuals and as a nation, as citizens of the world and as citizens of your kingdom of love.

Judge the world with justice and equity, Lord, and may your saving righteousness be seen by all the nations.

We call all the nations to repentance, move in the hearts of tyrants and terrorists, move in the hearts of the leaders of the nations, move in the hearts of those who stir up hatred and division.

Judge the world with justice and equity, Lord, and may your saving righteousness be seen by all the nations. AMEN

At this time of seeming hopelessness in our story, we entrust to you, eternal God, those times when we can see only shadows and lose sight of the hope to come; the times when suffering seems so senseless, life so fragile, war so unstoppable.

Bless us with the assurance that you are in all things, the tragic and the beautiful, the nightmare and the dream, the light and the darkness.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the peace of the world, today, tomorrow and forever. Amen.

A prayer for reconciliation

As one family, we reflect on the horrors of the past that continue to haunt humanity and darken our world.

Lord, where pain still overwhelms, bring healing.

Where hearts are still breaking, bring comfort.

Where peoples are still oppressed, bring liberation.

Where communities are still victimised, bring justice.

Where children are still brutalised,
bring compassion.
Where lives are still crushed,
bring hope.
Where evil is perpetrated,
bring repentance.
Where war still devastates,
bring peace.
But most of all, wherever a single
voice cries out in the darkness, bring
us to one another, in the name of the
love you bear in your heart for all
people, all nations and all creation.
AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

A prayer of intercession

Loving God,
as we remember in the coming weeks
those who have died in past wars, so
we pray too for those still dying
today...
and for those who are bereaved and
grieve.
God of the past be our future peace.
We remember those living in countries
where war is destroying communities

and making enemies of neighbours,
where fear and violence dominate
every aspect of daily living...
God of today be our future peace.
We remember those who have been
injured and traumatised by the
brutality of war, and those robbed of
their childhood and youth by what
they have seen or been forced to
do ...
God of tomorrow be our future
peace.
We remember those who are
peacemakers,
those who negotiate,
those who speak out at great cost to
themselves and their families...
God of the future, be our eternal
peace.
In the name of Your Son, our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remembering for the future

Remembrance is about remembering.
It is important to remember not only to
learn the lessons of the past and to
honour those who lost their lives in war,
but also to help us shape the future of
our world. We look back to the past in
order to live the future more bravely,
and we commit ourselves to work for
peace and justice for all.

Blessing

May the peace of God be with each
and every one of us and those we
love.

Ann Sinclair

58 Society speakers

*New season underway
for all to join*



The 2023-24 session of the 58 Society opened on October 2nd with an informative talk by Christopher Tipple about Tchaikovsky – a life in torment. The talk was illustrated with photographs and music. On the 16th Una Ketteridge continued the story of her life as a midwife and the changes she experienced in her career. On October 30th David Selby will talk about what Ancient Greek Philosophy can teach us.

There will be two talks in November. The Revd Dr Hannah Cleugh will talk about the Reformation on the 13th . On the 27th Mike Thornton will tell us about his father-in-law Norman Cornish, a very successful artist from Spennymoor.

Please come to the talks which begin at 7.30 and end with tea and biscuits. Old and new members are welcome.

Catriona Fenwick
Assistant Secretary

Some words of thanks from them to you

*Celebrating two Diamond
anniversaries*

We would like to thank you all for the kind wishes and cards we received for our 60th wedding anniversary, and also for the beautiful flower arrangement delivered to our home.

Mary and Robin Christopher



We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends at St. Andrew's for the beautiful flowers and many cards we received to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary on 21st September. We would just like to add that the King and Queen even remembered. How lucky are we!

Roy and Dawn Rudd

Remember, remember the 30th of November

It's St. Andrew's Day!

The last day of the traditional Church liturgical year is set aside to give thanks for, and to celebrate, the life and work of St Andrew the Apostle who is recognised by many Biblical scholars as the first person Jesus chose to be one of his 12 apostles. He was born in Bethsaida, Galilee about 10 years after Jesus and we know from the New Testament that he was the younger brother of Peter. The name, Andrew, is not Hebrew, as might have been expected, but Greek – the Greek culture was well known in Galilee. It means manly and brave, a characteristic that he portrayed when he was martyred for his faith in Christ around 60/70 AD.

It is said that he chose to be martyred on a cross like Jesus, although he asked to be bound to a saltire X-shaped cross as he was not worthy to die on the same shaped cross as Jesus. Today, the saltire cross is the national emblem for St Andrew in many countries where he is the patron saint including: Cyprus, Scotland, Greece (City of Patras), Romania, Russia, Ukraine, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, San Andres Island (Colombia), Saint Andrew (Barbados) and Tenerife (Spain).



St Andrew's image is on many stained glass windows in churches around the world, including our own, and these often include a saltire cross as in the picture above.

In the 'top ten' names for UK churches today, 'Andrew' is the fifth most popular after Mary, All Saints, Peter and Michael.

There are several legends from around the world about where the relics of St Andrew are buried, including in Scotland. While it is highly possible that some relics of St Andrew are now buried in Scotland, exactly who brought them is not so clear.

via Association for Church Editors

Where's my post?

Relocation of the pigeon holes



Do you remember the pigeon holes at the rear of the church which were taken out of use when Covid struck? Well that area has now been given over to storage of Tim's audio-visual equipment so the pigeon holes have been given a new home in the cloakroom.

Do please remember that the pigeon holes should only be used for paperwork for people who regularly

attend church and remember to check as to whether there is anything for you!

Keep an eye open about the arrangements for distribution of Christmas cards as well as details about the communal St Andrew's Christmas Card which will be given in the December Newstand.

Ray Hammond



Join us for the 2023 NHS Carol Service
at Durham Cathedral on Thursday 7th December
All welcome. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Service starts at 7:30 pm.
For further information please see Tim or Lucy Cooke

A prayer for peace in Israel and Palestine

*“They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain...” — Isaiah 11:9*

God of Comfort,
send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the One whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression. Let hearts mourn rather than militarise.

God of Justice,
give strength to those whose long work for a just peace might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve. Do not let them feel alone. Show us how to support their work and bolster their courage. Guide religious leaders to model unity and reconciliation across lines of division. Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek peace and pursue it. Help all people choose the rigorous path of just peace and disavow violence.

God of Love,
we lift up Palestine and Israel - its people, its land, its creatures. War is a monster that consumes everything in its path. Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies. Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries. We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.

God of Hope,
we lift up the cities of the region: Gaza City and Tel Aviv, Ramallah and Ashkelon, Deir El Balah and Sderot, so long divided, yet so filled with life and creativity. Come again to breathe peace on your peoples that all may recognise you.



God of Mercy,

even now work on the hearts of combatants to choose life over death, reconciliation over retaliation, restoration over destruction. Help us resist antisemitism in all its forms, especially in our own churches. All people, Israelis, and Palestinians, deserve to live in peace and unafraid, with a right to determine their future together.

God of the Nations,

let not one more child or elder be sacrificed on altars of political expediency. Keep safe all people from unjust leaders who would exploit vulnerability for their own distorted ends. Give wise discernment to those making decisions to pursue peace. Provide them insight into fostering well-being, freedom, and thriving for all. Teach all of us to resolve injustices with righteousness, not rockets. Guard our hearts against retaliation, and give us hearts for love alone.

Strengthen our faith in you, O God of All Flesh, even when we don't have clear answers, so that we may still offer ourselves non-violently for the cause of peace.

Amen.

Prayer written by Rose Marie Berger, the senior editor of Sojourners magazine (<https://sojo.net/>), and used with permission.

Submitted by Louise

Costa del Packet!

*This holiday seems like
a bit of a carry on*



A reminder that our next production will take place on Thursday/Friday/Saturday 9/10/11 November in the Crosskeys Hall, Elmwood Road, Monkseaton, commencing at 7.30 pm, when we shall perform 'Costa del Packet!', a one-act comedy written by Anthony Booth and directed by Joan Blanchfield.

Four women arrive at Del Sol on a package tour. They find themselves stranded in a workman's hut on the site of their hotel, which is not even constructed yet. Determined not to let their husbands know that they

have been conned, they decide not to return home but to try and make the best of the situation. It is, however, far from easy! The play will be followed by other entertainment.

Tickets are now available at £8 per person and can be obtained via Sue Ames, Joan Blanchfield or myself. Alternatively, they can be purchased at the door on the evening of the performance for £9 per person.

Please do come along and support live theatre in Monkseaton.

Carole Mallett

Food glorious food

*Donations welcomed
for Church Fair*



The catering committee is planning the food for the Church Fair and would be very grateful for offers of homemade cakes, scones and desserts for the occasion.

We would also appreciate items or donations towards the sandwich fillings, and help on the day.

Barbara Watson

Longest Night Service

A reflective service for those suffering from pain, loss or confusion at Christmas



Christmas time can be difficult when we have sadness in our life. We can feel disconnected from the joy and happiness of the festivities, or can have a sense of loss or emptiness. In a season of great joy, there seems to be little space for sadness and grief.

The Longest Night Service (also known as a "Blue Christmas" service) is an opportunity to come together in a simple, reflective service to remember those known to us who have died, and to recognise our sadness and our loss. Whether that be a recent bereavement – or one long past – we remember those dear to us and take time to be in God's presence in our vulnerability.

Our Longest Night Service, led by the Cooke family, takes place on Thursday, 21st December at 7pm, lasting about 30 minutes. The Church will be open for reflection from 6.30pm.

You are invited to send us any names you wish to be included (email, post, phone, or in person). These might be the names of those who have died, or the names of family, friends – or even ourselves – whose sadness we want to mark in this service. We will add them to the names on the roll that we have collected in previous years, so if you have previously had names included be assured they still will be (and if for any reason you would like a name removed, please let us know that too).

The service is open to all, so please do ask friends and neighbours who might be interested in being involved – either by submitting a name, or by being present.

**Tim & Lucy Cooke
(contact details on page 2)**

Pause for thought

As we grow older, let's make sure we don't regret the chances we didn't take, the relationships we were afraid to have, and the decisions we waited too long to take.

Snippets from Synod

*A report on the latest meeting
14th October 2023*



Synod meetings are held in March and October of each year. This is when all the committees in Synod give their reports and resolutions are made. The meetings are open to everyone (a good way of meeting people and finding out what goes on), but I attended as St Andrew's Representative.

A full report would take too many pages and too much time, so here are a few snippets from the meeting:

The meeting took place at Stockton Rd. URC in Sunderland and was chaired by Revd. Kim Plumpton, our new Synod Moderator.

The theme for the day was "Flourishing-Local Churches"

The meeting began with worship, led by Lucy Cooke, in the absence of Revd Jane Rowell, Stockton Rd's Minister.

The Northern Province Trust manages the Synod's Finances, Properties and Human Resources. An appeal was put out for new people to join the committee, particularly females, as they are under-represented. Can you help?

A report was given regarding the budget, accounts, various grants and legacies, including one from the estate of Dorothy Postle. It was

proposed (and resolved) to increase the fee to visiting preachers to £40 plus expenses.

News of people and places was shared, including the ordination and induction of our own minister, Revd Louise Sanders. Carla was also mentioned as she approaches retirement and thanks were given to the many lay preachers who work hard across the Synod.

Two new Safeguarding Officers have been appointed to the Northern and Yorkshire Synod safeguarding Team, which is being supervised by Matt Knowles. In future, our initial point of contact within the Synod Team is Helen Berg, helenberg.northern@urc.org.uk

There is a vacancy for a Commitment for Life Advocate for Synod.

Seven members of Synod have made a successful visit to Greenbelt.

Revd. Julian Sanders, as the newly appointed Convenor of the Children, Youth and Families Committee, gave an update on the current Strategy and Hannah Middleton (Children's Work Advisor) and John Stephenson (Youth Work advisor) talked about the work they had undertaken over the summer months. Following on from General Assembly this year, the

committee is exploring how we can help churches to include Children and Young people in their decision-making. Churches were also encouraged to consider working towards the Children and Youth Friendly Church Scheme, even if they currently have no or few children or young people in the congregation, as it may prove attractive to younger people. This tied in with the theme of "Flourishing-Local-Churches. An Advent resource based on Posada was launched.

Two presentations were given on how the church is reaching out to the community in different ways...Roker Life and Wooler Warm Hub.

We are all urged to work towards the Eco Church Award.

There was more and I am happy to talk to anyone who is interested. A full report will be available before the next meeting, which will be held in March. I would also be happy to take anyone who is interested along with me.

Sue Ames
Synod Representative

Catching up with former members of Junior Church

In the August school exam results

Lucy Anderson achieved: 3 x A* in her 'A' level results and is now at Newcastle University studying Civil Engineering.

Niamh Sinclair achieved in her GCSE results: 2 x A's double stars, 1 x A*, 3 x A 's and 3 x B's (Niamh achieved one of those last year). Niamh is now at 6th Form Whitley Bay High School studying Chemistry, Philosophy and English Literature.

Well done girls!

Ann Sinclair

St Andrew's Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton

Church Fair

Saturday, 18th November

10.00 - 2.00

jewellery

sweets

Cakes

tombolas

preserves

bric-a-brac

scarves

Refreshments

books

nearly new clothes

christmas gifts

games

toys



All proceeds in aid of church funds and charitable works

Church Meeting

A summary of the September meeting



Copies of the Minutes 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.

Church Secretary reported:

First meeting since March apart from an update in July Newstand, primarily due to preparatory work for Service of Ordination and Induction for Louise - a memorable day.

Meetings held: Since the March meeting - Elders five times, Executive Team four times, Pastoral Team twice and Worship Group twice.

Measures for Covid prevention able to be further reduced.

Support of all Worship Leaders at services, baptisms, weddings and funerals much appreciated during the vacancy.

Progress continued with improvement of lighting by installing LED units throughout the building.

Routine fire alarm and appliance testing carried out.

Annual decoration and monthly garden maintenance undertaken.

Ladies toilets twinned with toilet in Malawi.

Cheques presented to the chosen charities for 2022.

Activities Team pleased with support, from church and community, for social events organised.

Northern Synod agreed to the sale of the Manse.

Treasurer reported:

Rising costs in all areas – Expenditure exceeding Income.

Some recovery with income from Hall Letting and events organised by Activities Team.

Projected large deficit for year due to overspend in day to day expenses.

Very fortunate to have Development Fund to fall back on and fill the gap.

Development Fund relieves stress and anxiety in having to make ends meet.

Minister reported:

On her Induction service at Trinity Ashington.

Likely commitment at Trinity Ashington equates to 25% or one day a week and leading worship on the second Sunday of the month.

Candidacy for Ministry

The meeting fully agreed with the recommendation of the Elders to support Dr Ann Sinclair to train as a non-stipendiary minister.

Date of next meeting: Sunday 26th November 2023 following morning worship.

Ray Hammond
Church Secretary

A Family Thank You

On the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Kath Elwell

Thank you to everyone who was involved in helping to make the service of thanksgiving for our Mum's life so very special.

Thank you Louise for leading the service, Hazel for the reading, Catriona for the flowers, Carol for working the technology, and the members of the refreshment team.

We have been surrounded with love and support from the St. Andrew's family following Mum's death. We are very thankful for that. It has been a great comfort to us to know that Mum was so very well thought of by those who knew her.

Thank you all. It was a truly memorable day.

**Brian, Karen and Steve,
Family of Kath Elwell**

Church Register

DEATH

ELWELL

Olive Kathleen, aged 97years,
on 17th September 2023.
Committal at Whitley Bay on
9th October, followed by service
at St Andrew's, conducted by
Revd Louise Sanders.



December Newstand

The next edition of Newstand will be out on 26th Nov.
Please have contributions to Tim by 20th November.

Northern Synod Prayer Diary

*Joining in our weekly prayers
with the wider URC*



5	Cromer Avenue, Gateshead; Denewell Avenue, Gateshead; Bethel, Christ Church, Stanley; Chester-le-Street; Waddington Street, Durham; Revd Marcus Hargis; Youth Pioneer Worker Esther Bailey.
12	Remembrance Sunday.
19	Inter Faith Week.
26	St Andrew's, Dawson Street, Crook; Revd Christopher Humble.

From the Book of Remembrance

Remembering those who have gone before us

Alexander McPhee	Kenneth Hooper	Dorothy June Paul
Elsie Marston Mallett	Thomas Pallister	Joan Clarkin
George Albert Winton	William Johnstone	Dorothy Lowdon
Ernest Frank Merrick	Garven	Mavis Doreen Brown
Albert Bright	Angela Greenwood	Derek Stemberidge
Captain Jack Young	Lopez	Barbara Joan Coulson
Jessie Winton	Jennifer Buckle	
William Caldwell	Dorothy Joan Jackson	

November Rotas

*Remember, remember
your duties in November*



Please see Church Diary for service leaders

- Elders:** **Vestry:** Sue Ames
 Reception: Chris Hales
 Communion: Carole Mallett
- Stewards:** **Vestibule:** Christine and Alison Ridley;
 Finance: Jenny Hooper
- Sunday 5th** **Organ:** Paul Hartley
 Readers: Chris Hales / Alison Mood
 Prayers: Chris Hales
- Tuesday 7th** **Prayers:** Carole Mallett
- Sunday 12th** **Organ** Helen Storey
 Readers: Geoff Mills / Carole Mallett
 Prayers Chris Hales
- Tuesday 14th** **Prayers** Ann Sinclair
- Sunday 19th** **Organ** Paul Hartley
 Readers: Jennifer Fleetham / Marilyn Walton
 Prayers Una Ketteridge
- Tuesday 21st** **Prayers** Sue Ames
- Sunday 26th** **Organ** Alex
 Readers: Ann Stembridge / Susan Anderson
 Prayers Ann Hammond
- Tuesday 28th** **Prayers** Una Ketteridge

Church Calendar for November / December

Sunday services are streamed 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 - Noon.

Friday	3	Executive Team Meeting	10.00 am
Saturday	4	Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Sunday	5	Communion Service; Revd Louise Sanders	11.00 am
Monday	6	Activities Team Meeting	2.00 pm
Tuesday	7	Finance Team Meeting	10.30 am
Friday	10	Film Club – ‘Harriet’	2.00 pm
Saturday	11	Ecumenical Remembrance Service opposite Spar in Monkseaton	10.30 am
Sunday	12	‘Let’s Sing’ – Mandy Watson	9.30 am
		Prayer Group – Mandy Watson	10.30 am
		Remembrance Sunday Parade Service; Mrs Alison Moodie	10.45 am
			<u>NOTE TIME</u>
Monday	13	Fifty Eight Society – ‘The Reformation’	7.30 pm
Thursday	14	Pastoral Team Meeting followed by Elders’ Meeting	7.00 pm
Saturday	18	Church Fair	10.00 am
Sunday	19	Morning Worship; Revd Louise Sanders	11.00 am
Tuesday	21	Worship Group meeting (via Zoom)	7.00 pm
Friday	24	Ecumenical Advent Service at St Andrew’s, followed by soup and a roll	12.30 pm
Sunday	26	Morning Worship; Revd Louise Sanders Church Meeting follows service	11.00 am
Monday	27	Fifty Eight Society – ‘Norman Cornish – The Centenary Lecture’	7.30 pm
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Friday	1	Ecumenical Advent Service at St Andrew’s, followed by soup and a roll	12.30 pm
Saturday	2	Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Sunday	3	Communion Service; Revd Louise Sanders	11.00 am

Pause in this moment

A place for
prayers,
thoughts
and poems

Decisive Departure by Steven Rolling
Based on 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Paul said, I am now ready to
be offered, Lord, my life to you
time of my departure at hand
you give me grace to understand

I have fought a good fight, and I
by your help you I not deny
I have finished my course, my race
now to leave earth for better place

I have kept the faith, and from now
there is laid up a crown, 'tis how
the Lord, the righteous judge rewards
crown of righteousness me affords

At the last day it me shall give
he, Lord of life, does ever live
not given only unto me
also to all who love Him, see

