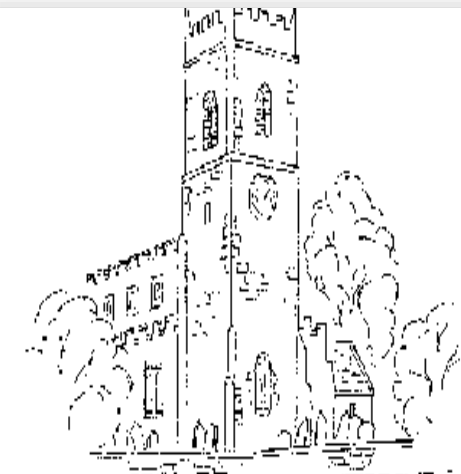
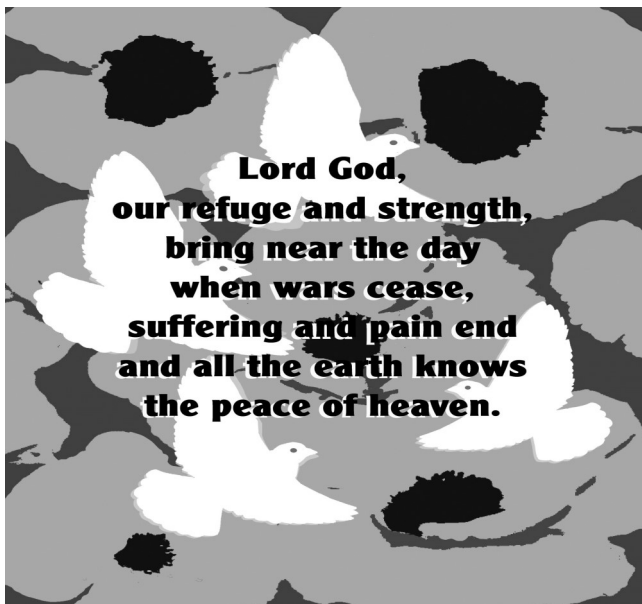


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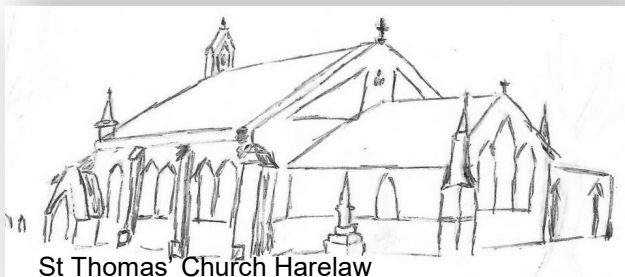
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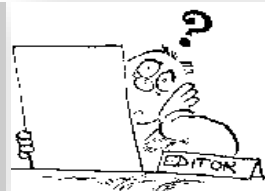
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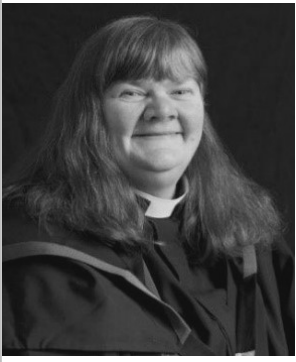
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When local hero Brendan Foster launched the Great North Run in 1981, the largest previous race in the world had had 1300 entrants. There were no sophisticated timing systems, no footwear especially tailored for fun running, and no idea of how sustainable the event would be. The organisers themselves were surprised when 12,294 people gathered at the start. Mobile phones and handheld radios exist now to provide easy communication across the course, but these weren't available in 1981.

So messages between the start and the finish were few and far between. After all 12,294 runners had set off, the start manager simply said: 'I'm done, they're all yours'. The Finish manager had no idea how many people were coming his way and afterwards when watching the TV highlights he said: 'If I'd have seen pictures of that many people at the start, I'd have gone home!' The Great North Run, despite the pandemic, is now one of the most famous half-marathons in the world, and one of the largest. Over 57,000 started the race this year. The fascination of the race is that it is universal; most of us will have no idea of who wins the elite races each year, because the race is about ordinariness. If you watch it on TV the coverage is all about those who will never get close to a fast time around the course; it's all about the stories of the ordinary people running; *it's not about winning*.

Winning, of course, is one of the obsessions of our society. For some people, it's everything; the power of being first overrides honesty, integrity and doing what is best for the many, not just for the few, or the one. Winning has become a religion, a creed, the touchstone of many of our Western nations.

And winning- success- is beginning to define the church as well. We're not doing well unless we're growing at a huge rate; unless we're making more disciples than others; unless we're innovative and entrepreneurial and knocking it out of the park.

But this is not what Christianity is.

Failure and disappointment are at the heart of Christianity, just as they are basic to Christian experience. The cross on which a man of love was despised, abandoned, and left to die is anything but a success story. And the influence of that cross on the apostle Paul's life caused him to speak of "finishing the race," rather than winning the race. Paul is fond of emphasising that life in Christ is a marathon, not a sprint. He's not concerned with crossing the line first; Paul is one of those, like the thousands who ran the Great North Run this year, in the pack, sometimes slowing down to encourage those at the rear, sometimes speeding up to urge on those at the front. As Paul himself knew, there were times when hope completely eluded him- when his fledgling churches went wrong, didn't listen, turned away to the illusory gods of self and success; but he carried on nevertheless.

And the fascination of watching the Great North Run, of watching any mass participation marathon, is that few people give up. Strangers run together. They look out for one another. Some people go so slowly that everyone has gone home by the time that they finish; but finish they do. And sometimes-as elite triathlete Alistair Brownlee did for his brother Jonny in an event in Mexico in 2016- people in collapse are literally carried across the finishing line.

Yes, marathon running is hard. It's hard to be out at inconvenient times, in the dark and in the cold; hard to do the training, make a commitment and keep it.

And it's hard, knowing that we're not in this to win...

But we're not in this alone.

We're here to train together-to put in the hard yards of prayer and worship and reading the Bible together and stretching ourselves by asking some hard questions;

We're here to cheer each other on;

And we're here to carry one another, if we need to...

With every blessing,

Lesley

## The man who gave us the National Health Service

If you use the services of the National Health Service this autumn, spare a thought for the ‘presiding spirit’ which led to its founding.

Aneurin ‘Nye’ Bevan was born 125 years ago this month, on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1897, the sixth of ten children.



The family lived in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, where his father was a miner, and his mother was the daughter of a colliery blacksmith.

When he was 14, Bevan followed his father and older brother in the mines, but in his spare time spent hours in the local library, self-educating himself. At 19, Bevan joined the Independent Labour Party and in 1919 he moved to London to continue his studies and encountered the works of Marx and Engels. In 1925 his father died in his arms of the miners’ disease pneumoconiosis. In 1926 Bevan was appointed a full-time union official and was soon caught up in the miners’ strike, which led to the General Strike of May 1926. Bevan became known as a firebrand activist and agitator. In May 1929, when he was 31, Bevan entered Parliament as Independent Labour Party member for Ebbw Vale. A passionate socialist, he regularly attacked Neville Chamberlain, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, and even his own party’s prime minister, Ramsay Macdonald. Bevan’s outspokenness caused the parliamentary authorities to suspend him from the house in 1937, and his own party expelled him for a time in 1939. When in July 1945 Labour was returned to government with a landslide, the new Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, offered Bevan a Cabinet position. “I understand that you have much experience of negotiation. I am offering you the post where you will deal with health, housing and the local authorities.” And so, at 47, Bevan became the youngest member of that Cabinet. He oversaw the building of over a million new houses before 1950, and in 1946 the government steered through the National Insurance Act, which created the infrastructure of what was to be the Welfare State. In 1948 the National Health Service Act, which Bevan had seen through Parliament, became law. This allowed people to receive, free at the point of use, medical diagnosis, and treatment at home or in hospital. As the writer Brian Brivati observes: “It was the decision to nationalise the hospitals that made the profound difference in the... creation of the NHS. This decision was Bevan’s and its implementation was down to his skill, patience, and application as a minister. It is the most significant and lasting reform in the history of the Labour Party, and it was achieved by one man.” Aneurin ‘Nye’ Bevan was Minister of Health 1945 to 1951. The National Health Service became operational on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948.

**Source The Parish Pump**

## Christian charity sets out action plan to combat cost-of-living crisis

A Christian charity has set out an urgent action plan to help churches respond to the gathering storm.

The Jubilee Plus social action charity has published detailed advice to help local congregations support families and individuals survive the coming winter.

In ‘Responding to a Deepening Crisis,’ Jubilee Plus has called on churches and Christians to act decisively.

The charity, which partners with local churches, states “You no longer have to be prophetic to see that many in our communities are facing the devastating impact of the cost-of-living crisis. As always, it’s the most vulnerable who are being hit hardest.

“Hardly a week goes by without us learning that the lives of those who are already struggling or who are just about managing, are going to be hit even harder than originally anticipated.”

The charity calls for churches to take action, including setting up a crisis fund, encouraging generosity, normalising asking for help and asking people what they need instead of assuming.

The plan encourages churches to speak up for the rights of those in need. This includes speaking truth to power and challenging decision-makers to act for the common good. Churches are encouraged to work with other community groups, and to make contact with key local organisations.

Jubilee Plus advises: “Brief meetings with the leader of the local council, the chiefs of police and the fire service, the head of your social housing provider, head teachers or senior social workers, as well as chief executives of long-running local charities, can be hugely informative and shaping.”

Jubilee Plus is encouraging churches to open up their buildings, or to hire one locally, that could become a drop-in centre for people who need to keep warm during the long winter months.

Jubilee Plus believes the crisis could be long-term and is encouraging urgent action: “Now is the time to be thinking strategically. So if you can set aside some time – as an individual, a project leader or a church leader – to think about what you need to put in place for the next few years – not just months – that will stand you, and the people you help in good stead for the future.”

More details at: <https://jubilee-plus.org>

## Home Communion

*If you are unable to come to church and wish to receive Home Communion, please contact Revd Stephen (01207 529166) who will be pleased to make the arrangements for you.*



## Lanchester Burnhope St Thomas

### Funerals

12th October  
13th October

Margaret Crozier aged 68 years  
Eric Fawcett

*'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'*



### Baptisms

9th October  
9th October  
16th October  
16th October  
22nd October  
23rd October  
30th October

Charlotte Elizabeth Elsbury	at All Saints
Grace Olivia Elsbury	at All Saints
Max Lewis Armstrong	at All Saints
Kate Susan Armstrong	at All Saints
Bobby Stead	at St John's
Hunter John Craigan	at St Thomas
Ezra Dawson	at St John's



*"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"*

## Lanchester and Burnhope Advent Fayre

Saturday November 26th  
9.30 am—12.30

Admission Free

## In All Saints Parish Church

Refreshments £1.00

Free drink and treat for Children

Attractions include

Turkey Raffle, Tombola,  
Bottle Tombola,  
Homemade cakes and savouries,  
Jams, preserves and Ginger Wine,  
Hand crafted goods,  
Christmas Goods,  
Wives "Hook a Christmas Bag" and  
Bran tub  
Traidcraft

## Lanchester Parish Church

Saturday 12th November



At 6.30pm

CONCERT

## DURHAM CONSTABULARY MALE VOICE CHOIR

Tickets: Margaret Walters

01207 521214

£5 includes a glass of wine

### Where?

A rather long-winded preacher was dealing with the Old Testament prophets, one by one. "And now," he pro-pounded, "we reach Isaiah. Where shall I put Isaiah?" At that, a little man in the front row stood up. "He can have my seat. I am going home!"





# NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

## Mothers' Union Lanchester



Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday November the 8th at 2.00pm. Unfortunately Revd. Christine cannot be with us on this occasion but Eric Gaskell is going to join us and will give his talk on "Words". Last year we were able to send small gifts for Christmas to two wards at Lanchester Road Hospital. It would be lovely if we could do the same again this year.

Our Advent Service will be held on Tuesday, December 13th and details about Christmas Lunch will be discussed at our next meeting.

**Eileen Matthews**

## Mothers' Union Burnhope



Our meeting was on Monday the 3rd October. We had a short discussion from Philippians, a verse from chapter 4. Our members enjoyed the Deanery Meeting, and were able to give Mrs Carleton 20 toilet bags. Mrs Park read items from our Church Magazines dated 1995.

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday the 3rd December, at 2 o'clock until 4, at Burnhope Community Centre. We will be delighted to see you.

**Muriel Molloy**

## Thank You to everyone and well done

Our Harvest Festival services at All Saints EP School service on Tuesday 27th September and our Harvest eucharist on Sunday 2nd October, raised an absolutely fantastic total of 147 kilograms of produce which was gratefully received at Consett Foodbank. Thank you also to Sarah and Malcolm Allison for transporting all of the produce that was gifted

**Editor**

***Padded mobile phone cases and spectacle cases (lightweight for ladies' handbags)***



*Some with cross body strap  
some with belt strap  
or for handbag  
£2.50*

*All proceeds to Church Funds*

***Ring Margaret on 521214***

## The Language of Flowers

**Luxury or Luxuriance**

**Horse Chestnut—*Aesculus Hippocastanum***

"For in its honour prodigal nature weaves,  
A princely vestment, and profusely showers,  
O'er its great masses of broad palmy leaves,  
Ten thousand waxen pyramidal flowers,  
And gay and gracefully its head it heaves into the air  
and monarch-like it towers. **William Howitt**

Mathioli (1501– 77) wrote that the Turks called the fruits of this plant Horse Chestnuts, because they helped cure horses of a difficulty in breathing. The trees are very stately and grow to a great height, but the timber is too light to be of much value and the ripe fruits known to British children as conkers, are only edible to sheep, cattle and horses. The Horse Chestnut is made to represent luxury in the language of flowers, because of the beauty of its foliage, and the richness of its flowers.



**Audrey Newton**

## Churchyard Tidying Sessions

Just to remind everyone that it is that time of year when our Churchyards need to be spruced up and tidied for the winter. Providing all of the leaves are off the trees we propose that All Saints tidying will be Saturday 19th November and St John's the week after on Thursday the 24th both 9.30—11.30(ish) Warm drinks will be provided and I am sure the odd snack or two. Please join us if you are able (Or come and cheer us on)

## The Churchwardens

**Fresh batches of chutney and jams made regularly.**

**Currently available -  
chutneys: beetroot, butternut  
squash, apple.  
jam: mixed berry.**

**Ring Margaret on 521214 or  
Jen on 520498**

**We are happy to deliver.**



## 100 Club News

The September draw was made in the Chapter House on 19th October  
By Olga and Rob  
Winning numbers were:

All £5– 47, 166, 2, 35, 49, 7

**Sue Smith and Olga Walker**



## Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 30th September. I am delighted to say that we raised £775.13.

Throughout the country there is a great shortage of Cancer Nurse Specialists and to this end Macmillan is spending Four Million Pounds, in the North East and Yorkshire, on a Workforce Development Programme to provide an extra 42 Specialist Cancer Nurses. The money raised at the Coffee Morning will help towards supporting more people living with cancer.

**Jackie Easton** ☺



## York Christmas Shopping Trip 2022.

There are a few seats left on the bus (49 seater) for this outing to York on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you wish to join us please contact me soon (01207 520749)

**Brenda Craddock.**

## Ginger wine

Please note no more new orders taken but ginger wine will be on sale at the Church Autumn Fayre.  
Thank you

**Hazel**

## Church Flowers in November

6th Nov	D Leyland
	B Gibson
	B Craddock
13th Nov	G Nichol
20th Nov	M Boville



## Julian Prayer Meetings

2pm in the Chapter House

**November 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 5<sup>th</sup>**



## Church Wives

The colours of the leaves falling from the trees  
Are beautiful for all to see.

Colour in our gardens is fading fast.

Summer's glory could not last.

Mother Nature needs a rest until Spring

Then next year a transformation she'll bring.

We have two meetings in November,

Our first speaker you may remember.

Barbara Galloway will take us behind the scenes,

Of 'Game shows' about which she is very keen.

That is the 10<sup>th</sup> and on the 24<sup>th</sup> we prepare,

For our church's Annual 'Advent Fayre'

Look forward to seeing you at both our meetings,

Always room for one more in our seating.

Last Saturday I witnessed a total transformation when I visited the Comprehensive School where, for the last 18 years of my teaching career, I was Head of the Department for the teaching of Religious Education. The school building when I taught there was not very attractive and badly needed a lot of updating. It is over 20 years since I retired but I was asked back for the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school, which was built in 1912. It was originally called the 'Alderman Wood School', then became Stanley Grammar School and later Tanfield Comprehensive School. Today it is known as Tanfield School. A tremendous amount of money has been spent on the building in the last two to three years and to say it has been transformed is an understatement. It provides a wonderful environment for learning and developing the growth of every individual in the school. The well being of all the pupils is of paramount importance of course and the emphasis is on the 'whole' child which means spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development are all part of the curriculum. This last paragraph could apply to all our village schools. We are so fortunate in this village! Seeing a whole school transformed inside and out, made me think of the transforming power of Jesus. The New Testament of the Bible bears witness to this in providing a fund of references when people's lives were transformed through meeting Jesus. Sometimes we can be complacent about being a Christian but developing our own spiritual journey day by day should be ongoing all the time and Jesus can transform every part of our life, if we truly give Him every part of our life and acknowledge Him as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Brenda Craddock**

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Boxes in fold flat format are being given out at the back of church. feel free to take as many boxes and leaflets as you need. Or call at 38 Briardene. I will collect filled boxes from the back of church, or you can bring them to us at 38 Briardene. DH7 0QD I need to take the filled boxes to the collection point in Consett no later than Mon 21-11-2022.

**Steve Craddock**

**Dear Friends,**



11 brave walkers and wheelchair users set off with 7 dogs, to walk around the Derwent reservoir on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October whilst 3 valiant helpers looked after the base camp and turn round point.

The walkers were raising money in memory of Benny, my beautiful Golden retriever assistance dog, for the charity "Dogs for Good" who trained both Benny and Chelsea who is my current working dog. Benny sadly died in July, after a long and happy life with us, and we wanted to say "thank you" to "Dogs for Good" for both Benny and Chelsea.

The walk was great fun, new friends were made, and new dogs were introduced to each other. The weather was very blustery, with a few showers, which were mostly dodged in the café at the half way point where drinks and lunches were enjoyed, and David clocked everybody in. The event shelter at base camp nearly took off a few times, and extra tent pegs were required as Pam & Margaret attempted, (successfully, just) to keep it anchored.

3 "Dogs for Good" assistance dogs were walking along with 4 pet friends. At the end of the walk the 3 DFG dogs had a wonderful play time on the base field, ram-paging around, and having a tug of war.

Thanks to the generosity of many people the walk raised £628.00 for "Dogs for Good". We have been delighted with the response to our walk, and want to thank everybody involved.

So Thank you to;

All the shopkeepers in the village who displayed posters for us

Ashfield Vet practice

All the sponsors

All the walkers, & The first aider (thankfully not needed)

All the helpers

Tom at Northumbria Water for the use of the field for base-camp..

Lanchester Parish Church who have loved and supported Benny and Chelsea at Sunday services!

Hopefully attached with this "Thank You", there are some pictures of a great day out.



**Rev Margaret Armstrong, & Chelsea.**



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

Just an update on Traidcraft! The stock we are carrying at present is very limited and also some of the Best Before dates have passed! In the next few weeks, where possible, these items will be sold off at reduced prices. This year, the selling of Traidcraft has continued to be a problem mainly with continued uncertainty of Covid. People have been very careful of attending meetings and venturing into the Chapter House for coffee after church services. We have also entered a period of uncertainty due to the cost of living crisis and people are worried as to whether to heat their homes or do without food, therefore are watching what they spend on everything. In the next few months, we will be looking at Traidcraft to see if it is sustainable to keep the level of a stock we normally carry in this form. Watch this space! In the meantime, we are taking orders for Christmas Cards and asking for payment with the orders. In my absence, Sandy Jackson has the order forms etc and we hope to have any order forms returned by Wednesday 9th November. Please be prompt with your orders. I hope to be back regularly in church very soon.

**Olga**

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to all, for your get well messages after my recent knee operation. It certainly is good to know that someone, somewhere, is thinking of you! I am just about at the point of driving my car, the next step is climbing those tower steps!

Thank you also for your good wishes on my birthday, three score years and ten. I have tried to keep it low key this time However my daughters Helen and Catherine seemed to have other ideas placing banners in the front windows showing my age for all to see!!! I had a steady stream of visitors and phone calls during the week leading up to my birthday with the bell ringers visiting on the day. It was so good to see them, we enjoyed tea and cake and more cake!

The evening was celebrated with a meal out with the family and a scrumptious afternoon tea later that week with my daughters. A perfect ending to an enjoyable week.

**Olga**





## Pauline's Meditation

Through a report made by the venerable Sparatus, we have learned that you continually carry around from one of your fellow-countrymen's huts to another, certain tables upon which you celebrate the divine sacrifice of the Mass, assisted by women whom you call *conhospitae*: and while you distribute the Eucharist, they take the chalice and administer the blood of Christ to the people. This is an innovation, and unheard of superstition ... For the love of Christ, and in the name of the church united and our common faith, we beg you renounce immediately on receipt of this letter, these abuses of the table. We appeal to your charity, not only to restrain these little women from staining the holy sacraments by administering them illicitly, but also not to admit to live under your roof any woman who is not your grandmother, your mother, your sister, or your niece. (6<sup>th</sup> Century letter from bishops in Gaul to Irish missionaries.)



We recently celebrated the feast of St Francis, and I had the unenviable task of following Stephen's sermon the previous week, which had been extempore, passionate and from the heart, speaking of the abuse of creation and of each other. It was an incredibly powerful oration and it touched us all very deeply.

Francis, as we all know, is the patron saint of ecology and of animals. He recognised God in every natural thing around him; the stars in the heavens, the harvest in the fields, the woods and hedgerows, every living creature which walks or crawls or swims or flies, every human being - no matter how venal or cruel. He recognised God everywhere, above and below and beside him, and in every human heart, and treated all of creation accordingly. At the time this didn't make him popular with the church of the Holy Roman Empire, which took the view that creation was in place to serve man (and "man" meant man - not woman), and that he was sentimental, and that his literal embracing of poverty was an unnecessary affectation (though within four years of his death he was canonised).

But it made me think about the then church of Rome which was little more than the spiritual arm of the Empire, and its power and attitude to everything in God's precious creation. It was an attitude which has influenced and shaped our world over two millennia - one which still blights in many ways our daily lives, and certainly the lives of other creatures which share this tiny, beautiful planet with us.

It made me think, too, how different this could have been. The Synod of Whitby in 664 brought together the church of the Holy Roman Empire and the Celtic church to see whose practices should prevail. For 150 years the churches had been separate as invasions and constant wars in Europe prevented communications between the two. During that century and a half, the church in Rome grew increasingly politicised - an arm of the Empire - due to Constantine establishing it as the "official" church and using it to advance his agenda. The church in Britain and Ireland, however, had been gently and lovingly plodding along, spreading the word of Christ, and recognising humankind's place within the whole - as stewards of all that God holds dear; tasked with nurturing creation, not exploiting it. They gave us in the North East an entire alphabet of saints to take pride in and follow.

The Synod, presided over by King Oswiu of Northumbria was held to decide which practices should prevail. Some were minor, like the type of tonsure worn by the monks; others major such as the date of the celebration of Easter. Sadly (in my view) for creation, the Celtic church lost. Dominance was accorded to Rome, the seat of St Peter for six centuries, and the rest, as they say, is history. Some monks still fought back against the rule of Rome - retained their tonsure and their liturgies, particularly the monks of Iona and of Ireland, but their defeat was inevitable. Their influence is still seen, however, in many of the prayers and practices of the northern regions, and especially Scotland, and Celtic spirituality is increasingly popular as the world comes round to realising how very precious creation is.

But I can't help but wonder how different our world might have been if the Celtic church had become the established, official church of Europe. If, instead of having a church based on power, control and profit (as all empires are) we had established and followed a church based on love for God, for each other, and for every part of the created world. A church which valued women as the helpmeets of men and the nurturing force of humanity, rather than as "staining the holy sacraments by administering them", and relegating them to a status little better than that of beasts, and regarding people of colour the same way - resources to be exploited. A church that offered openness and vulnerability; which sought Christ in the face of the stranger; which looked for the divine spark in everything that lives, no matter how deeply hidden, a church which honoured that spark as part of God's beloved creation. What would that world have looked like. I wonder?

Would we still be where we are today? Possibly - but probably not. I like to think that we would have not only recognised the damage that we are doing, but would have done something about it; that we would have brought the world to Christianity by living Christ's life in it, and not forcing it upon conquered nations; that we would recognise all people of all colours and nations as being equally made in God's image; that we would have respected and valued women as the bearers of life, given this unique blessing by God, and not assets to be bartered. I like to think we would have taken into our hearts the words of Christ in Galatians 3:28 "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." and celebrated the equality of every individual of both sexes, all colours and every ages.

I'm sure I have a romanticised ideal of what such a church would have been like, but I like to think that we would have lived in a world of much greater harmony and kindness, and where people would have no difficulty believing in God, because evidence of divine love would be all around them - in the natural world, and in the words and actions of their fellow human beings. I like to think that it isn't too late and that with God's help, we can achieve that still.

**Pauline Meek**



### An Extract from the Parish Magazine of November 1897

My dear Friends

There is very little to record during the past few weeks. Owing to a spell of exceptionally fine weather the corn has all been safely gathered in, and it only remains now to secure the root crops.

How grateful we were not to have fixed the date of the Parish Tea at the beginning of October, and to have experienced the only bit of bad weather there was just then. On Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. H. J. Hoare, from Peshawar, India, preached on behalf of the Church Missionary Society. Coming from the North West Frontier of India. To which our attention has been turned for some few months past. He was able to tell us many points of interest in connection with his work, and all who heard him could not fail to be deeply impressed by his quiet earnest appeal. In the afternoon he gave an address to children, and held them in wrapt attention. We deeply regret to have to record the death of Mr. Edward Hedley, of Burnhopeside Hall. For some time past he has not been well, and it was hoped that he was recovering from his illness in the spring, by the quiet of Burnhopeside and the invigorating North country air, and so he was up to a certain point, when severe symptoms set in, and after some five weeks of anxious waiting and watching he passed quietly away on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at noon. A short Service was held in Lanchester Church. Just before the special train left for Beckenham. The first portion of the Burial Service was read in Beckenham Church, by the Rev. H. Arnott, Rector; whilst that at the graveside in Bromley Cemetery was taken by the Vicar of Lanchester. At both Lanchester and Beckenham large numbers of people had assembled to show their respect for him, who, by many acts of generosity, had endeared himself to the hearts of those with whom he had come in contact. I am sure I am only giving expression to the feelings of the people of Lanchester generally, when I say we deeply sympathize with Mrs. Hedley and the family in their sad loss and bereavement. Mrs. Hedley wishes me to express, through the Magazine, her deep appreciation of the kindness and sympathy that was shown on Thursday by the people of Lanchester, and also to say how pleased she was with the excellent behaviour of the School children, which was everything that could be desired under trying circumstances. On Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Sermons will be preached on behalf of the Missions to Seamen Society, by the Rev. C. Hutton Coates, Vicar of Sand Hutton, York, and late Chaplain in the Royal Navy.

#### BINDING OF THE MAGAZINE

Let me remind you that the time is fast approaching when you must collect your numbers of the magazine for the binder. There were several expressions of regret last year that the notice for binding had been overlooked; see to it that that is not the case this time.

Yours faithfully, *GEORGE JEPSON Vicar and Surrogate*

**Peter Smith**

## From the Wardens

As ever the Wardens continue to support Lesley in all aspects of Church services as the need arises, with the help of Eric Gaskill for which we are most grateful.

We have at last managed to source a heating engineer to service our boilers, and the company we are using is TW Steam and Heating of Durham. The service date is 7th November for All Saints, and St John's will follow at a date to be arranged.

We have arranged for a new signboard panel for All Saints, which will be fixed when delivered and adaptations to the smaller (openable) panel are planned to make access for small occasional signs easier.

A new sign for St John's on a framed board and in the same colours as All Saints, will be affixed to the gate, replacing the rather dilapidated sign that was there originally. Meanwhile options for a more permanent frame sign similar to All Saints will be pursued.

Elsewhere in this magazine a note about the annual Churchyard cleaning invites all able bodied volunteers to come and help get our churchyards ready for winter. It is usually a jolly morning, tea and coffee and probably cake will be served, why not join us if you are able.

We are now pressing to go ahead with our new "Garden of Remembrance" chasing up the diocese as documents have been sent to them. A new Diocesan Surveyor is now in place he has already been extremely helpful in our first contacts with him.

We have been contacted by a member of the public who has located the grave of a family member (Burdon) who wishes to reunite the cross memorial with the base. A fairly simple repair as both sections are in good order. We have been in touch with the diocese to ask whether a faculty is required. The family wish to pay for this, The diocese has approved and no faculty is required.

We shall as usual prepare the Church for our annual Autumn / Christmas services and events, and look forward to welcoming all who support and join us for those events at all of our Churches.

### For the Churchwardens

**Rob Matthews**



### Coffee is good for you

Drinking two to three cups of coffee a day may help you live longer. According to a recent study by the Baker Heart and Diabetes Research Institute in Melbourne, Australia, coffee can slow down cardiovascular disease. The coffee can be decaffeinated, ground or instant, scientists say. They believe that the benefit of the drink comes from chemical in the coffee beans themselves, regardless of the caffeine present.





## LANCHESTER E.P (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



This half term seems to have flown past with school life as busy as ever. We are in a great routine with our **Worship** in school this year. I lead Worship with Years 1 – 6 every Monday, Revd Lesley and Revd Stephen lead Worship on a Tuesday, we have a Singing Assembly or Rights Respecting Schools Assembly on a Wednesday and on a Thursday we are thrilled that we have 'Open the Book' coming into school to lead Worship – the children do love hearing all the Bible stories and seeing them brought to life! Friday is an Achievement Assembly where we celebrate many different achievements of the children.

This year, one of our aims is **to give more praise** to those children whose behaviour and attitude is exemplary all the time. This takes the shape of Head Teacher Awards in Achievement Assembly, Milkshake Monday every week for those children to have a milkshake and a sweet treat with me in the staffroom as well as positive phone calls home each week from class teachers and Head Teacher Postcards posted home to the children too. We have such great behaviour and positivity from the majority of children that we felt we need to celebrate that with them regularly too.

**Harvest Festival** was a very special service in church with Revd Lesley leading it. We planned it for the week when our European visitors were here which meant that we had a very full of Church of our children from Year 2- Year 6 as well as staff and students from our partner schools in Hungary, Germany and Spain. It was really quite interesting to hear the chatter after the service as they could not believe that we have a female vicar! That was certainly the topic of conversation for the rest of the day!

The Sunday following our own Harvest Celebrations saw the children leading your **Harvest Festival in Church**. It was so wonderful to be able to share in that together and I do hope that we will be able to have more of these in future. The children spoke very confidently I thought and it was lovely to be able to catch up with some of you too!

Two of the members of the congregation I met up with again were **Margaret Armstrong and Chelsea** and following that, we were able to arrange for them to come to school to talk to the children about how Chelsea helps her. Chelsea behaved perfectly in front of 300 children and they were absolutely mesmerised with her ability to assist! We all hope this is the first of many visits to see the children.

It is wonderful that we have also started **Confirmation Classes** with some of our children. It is a very long time since this has been able to take place and we are so grateful that it is happening this year. The Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November so that will be another very special event for us all.

Lots of exciting things in the space of 7 weeks and now we can look forward to the Christmas half term and some wonderful celebrations that time of the year brings to us all. 3 years after the last one, we will be holding our KS2 nativities in the school hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022, followed by our KS2 Nativity in Church on our final day, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Enjoy the wonderful colours of Autumn and take care of yourselves.

**Mrs Jane Davis**

Head Teacher, Lanchester Endowed Parochial (Controlled) Primary School

### Remember, remember it's Will Aid this November

Will Aid, [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk), the UK's most enduring and successful charity Will-making scheme, runs again this month, throughout November. If you haven't yet written your Will, now is the time to think about it! This is how the system works: Will Aid solicitors all over the UK agree to write basic Wills during November, without charging their usual fee. Instead, these solicitors raise as much money as possible for the Will Aid charities, by asking Will-makers for a donation, which reflects the time and expertise they have devoted to writing the Will. The suggested donation is £100 for a single Will, £180 for a pair of basic 'mirror Wills'. Will Aid is effective. Not only does it raise substantial money for charity, but also motivates people to get on and make their Will – something that many people have been meaning to get around to for years. The contact details of participating solicitors are at [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk). The website also has a good deal of information on Wills and inheritance issues as well as a useful Will planner to help people prepare their Will.

# Dates for your Diary November 2022

- Tues 1st** 11.00 am Chapter House Meditation and Mindfulness  
7.00 pm All Saints All Souls Eucharist  
7.00pm Zoom Compline with M and A Armstrong
- Wed 2nd** 9.45 am Eucharist at All Saints  
10.00am Annfield Plain Community Centre  
All Souls Service
- Thur 3rd** 9.00 am Morning Prayer St Thomas
- Sun 6th** 8.00 am Eucharist at All Saints  
9.15 am Eucharist at St John's  
9.45 am Eucharist at St Thomas (TBC)  
10.30 am Eucharist at All Saints
- Mon 7th** 2.00 pm Julian Meeting at All Saints
- Tues 8th** 11.00 am Chapter House Meditation and Mindfulness  
2.00 pm Mothers' Union All Saints (Eric Gaskill Words)  
7.00 pm Zoom Compline with M and A Armstrong  
6.00 pm Café Church at Burnhope Community Centre
- Wed 9th** 9.45 am Eucharist at All Saints
- Thur 10th** 9.00 am Morning Prayer St Thomas  
7.00 pm Church Wives at All Saints (Game show gossip  
Barbara Galloway)
- Sun 13th Remembrance Sunday**  
9.00 am Eucharist St Thomas  
10.00 am Service of The Word St John's  
10.00 am Service of the Word All Saints (Followed by)  
10.45 am Act of Remembrance on the Village Green  
2.00 pm Act of Remembrance Annfield Plain WM  
6.00 pm Eucharist at All Saints
- Mon 14th** 9.00am All Saints Morning Prayer
- Tues 15th** 11.00 am Chapter House Meditation and Mindfulness  
7.00 pm Zoom Compline with M and A Armstrong
- Wed 16th** 9.45 am Eucharist at All Saints  
10.00 am Annfield Plain Community Centre Eucharist
- Thur 17th** 9.00 am Morning Prayer St Thomas
- Sat 19th** 9.30 – 11.30 All Saints Churchyard Tidy up  
10.00am – 1.00pm St Nicholas Ringers Bell Peal
- Sun 20th Christ The King**  
8.00 am Eucharist at All Saints  
9.45 am Eucharist at St Thomas  
10.30 am Eucharist at All Saints
- Mon 21st** 9.00am All Saints Morning Prayer
- Tues 22nd** 11.00 am Chapter House Meditation and Mindfulness  
7.00 pm Zoom Compline with M and A Armstrong
- Wed 23rd** 9.45 am Eucharist at All Saints  
12 noon St Thomas Bible and Bait shared lunch in the  
Community Room
- Thurs 24th** 9.30-11.30 am Churchyard Tidy St John's  
7.00 pm Church Wives All Saints Preparations for  
Autumn Fayre
- Sat 26th** 9.30 am – 12.30 All Saints Autumn Fayre  
10.00 – 12.00 St Thomas Christmas Fayre  
Catchgate School
- Sun 27th Advent Sunday**  
8.00 am Eucharist at All Saints  
9.15 am Service of the Word St John's  
9.45am Eucharist at St Thomas  
10.30 am Eucharist at All Saints  
3.00 pm Messy Church  
6.00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent Sunday  
At All Saints
- Mon 28th** 9.00am All Saints Morning Prayer

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## **Mothers' Union Harelaw**



Our meeting in October was disappointing as the speaker we had booked never arrived.

Anne had a few poems, jokes and a true inspiring teacher's story to share and we discussed booking a Christmas meal for December.

Our speaker next month is Cyril Robinson from Annfield Plain Methodist Church.

**Anne Whiteley**

## **A Smile**

A smile costs nothing, but gives much.  
It enriches those who receive,  
without making poorer those who give.  
It takes but a moment,  
but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can  
get along without it,  
and none is so poor but that he can be  
made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home,  
fosters goodwill in business,  
and is the countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged,  
sunshine to the sad, and it's nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen -  
for it is something that is of no value to anyone until  
it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile,  
Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so  
much as he who has no more to give. Anon



**Anne Whiteley**

## **Congratulations**

To my son Marc who  
has raised the sum of  
£245.00 in aid of  
Macmillan Cancer  
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of 3 hours 55 mins  
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**Edna Convery**

## Book Reviews

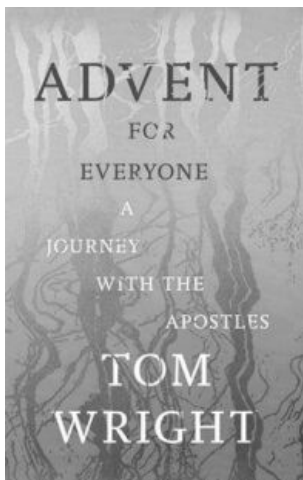


God In Number 10 – the personal faith of the Prime Ministers, from Balfour to Blair  
By Mark Vickers, SPCK,  
£25.00

Mark Vickers' acclaimed volume on the faith of the twentieth-century Prime Ministers casts a new perspective on these holders of the highest political office in the realm.

While there are biographies aplenty on the 18 men and 1 woman who took up residence behind the famous black door, it is notable that many of these works fail to reflect an important – sometimes the most important – aspect of the life of their subject.

The book offers intriguing insights into Margaret Thatcher's legendary 'Sermon on the Mound', Tony Blair's perception of Jesus as a moderniser, Arthur Balfour's recourse to spiritualism, Stanley Baldwin's mystical experiences, and Winston Churchill's involvement with astrology. The book considers the role of religion generally in the political classes of the period, the reasons for the declining influence of faith in the public forum, and the relationship between Church and State.



iAdvent for Everyone – a journey with the apostles  
By Tom Wright, SPCK,  
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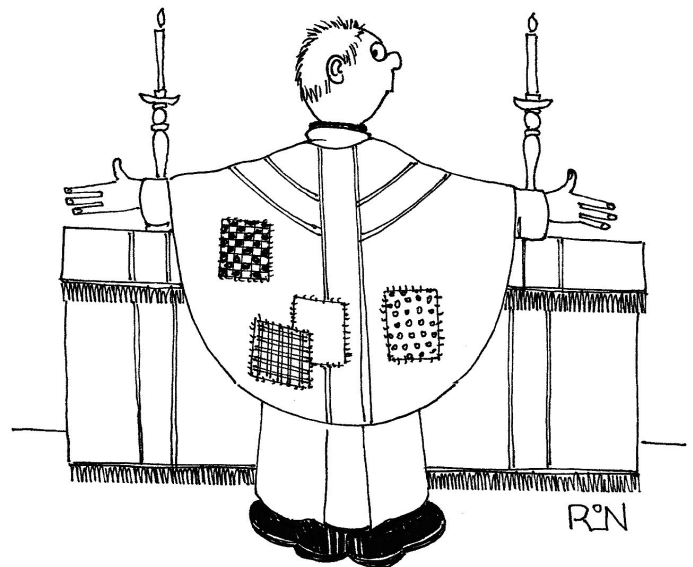
Within each of these themes, Wright offers a week of daily readings and meditations. These sparkling reflections take you on a journey of spiritual enlightenment, guiding you towards the wonder and joy of Christmas.

## Prayer Tip for the Month

Reflect for a few moments today on the way your church enables - or fails to enable - people to listen to God.



## Smile Lines



*Trevor hated asking for money, but he sometimes made subtle hints*

## A prayer of remembering and looking forward

Loving Father,

Here we are in November, the month of short days and mist and remembering. And this year we have so much to remember. The year our Servant Queen left us and came to be with you, the King of Kings she had served so faithfully. Remembering celebration and sadness Lord, as we thank you for Queen Elizabeth, but looking forward too as we prepare for Advent.

As we work towards Christmas, yes, we remember your coming as a baby in Jesus, but even more reassuring in these difficult times we can hold on to your promise that You will come back again as our glorious King, when there will be no more death or mourning, crying or pain – when You will make all things new, when all shall be well!

Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

**Daphne Kitching**





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