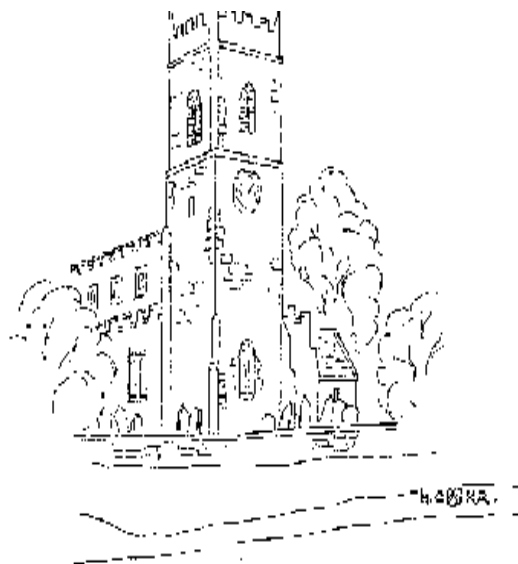
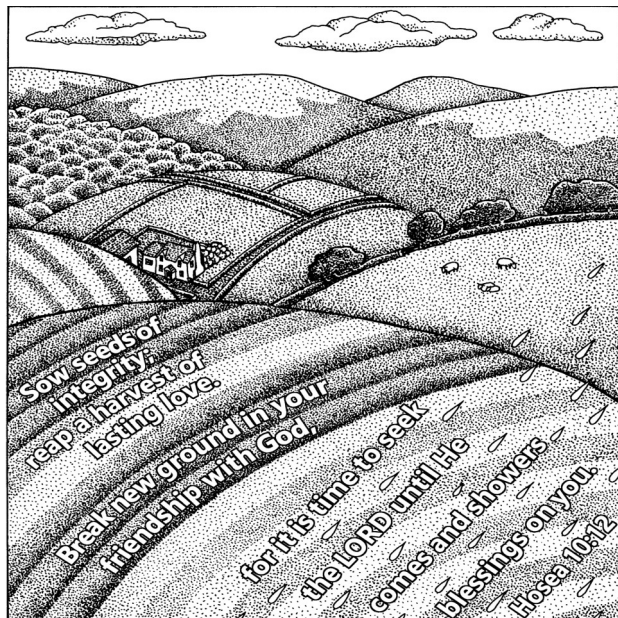


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This October we celebrate the harvest. It's always an exciting time for me as I love to cook. So I thought I'd celebrate my love of unusual ingredients with you. How about; Squid ink? Kimchi? Karela? Pakistani melon –the spectacularly named kharbooza (!) Vine leaves for dolmades? Chinese sweets –actually candied potato..... chickens' feet and durian –which is a fruit so stinky that it's a crime to take it on the metro in Singapore.....

By now you might be forgiven for thinking that **a**; I'm a terrible food snob and **b**; you don't much like the thought of some of my favourite things! And you might just be wondering, too, about our celebration of the harvest when all of this exotic produce is easily sourced, even in the North East. I bet you remember when you went to the greengrocer, not the supermarket, and there you found root and leaf vegetables, apples and pears and bananas and maybe the odd exotic pineapple, or pomegranates

to co-incide with harvest. All the things you could grow in the garden, greenhouse or allotment, and everything in season. So no strawberries at Christmas, and always blackberries from the hedgerows in September, and the freshest peas from the pod from my Uncle Bill's allotment for a couple of weeks in May, together with a few stalks of asparagus. Good things to look forward to throughout the year, and a sense of anticipation that we just don't have nowadays.....

So what is the point of celebrating harvest? Even though this is the most rural place I've lived in (yes, really!), the harvest has long been gathered in, and we don't depend on what we produce to supply all our needs. Our harvest traditions are relatively modern, going back to a Cornish vicar's bright idea in 1843 of holding a special thanksgiving service, which others took and linked to a 'harvest home' meal. It might be cosy and comforting, but what relevance does it really have?

Well, the easy answer is that it's always good to give thanks, and this is as good a time as any. The offerings we bring, the fruit and vegetables, the beautiful flowers and foliage which decorate our churches today remind us of all the good things that God has given to us, and how we can too easily become complacent. And while we're saying thanks for the food we eat, what about the gas and electricity that is used to cook, the petrol that gets us to the supermarket, the homes within which we eat - there are so many things in our lives for which we can- and should - give thanks.

But I think harvest thanksgiving goes a bit deeper than that.

Harvest - to my mind -is the start of a season of thanksgiving in Church. In the coming weeks there will be other special services and celebrations. All Souls, when we remember those dear to us who have died and give thanks for the part they played in our lives. Remembrance Sunday, when we give thanks for those brave souls who went to war for us and who died to preserve our liberty in the great wars of the 20th century. And of course, the season of Advent, when we wait for the ultimate gift -the gift of Jesus as he comes at Christmas.

Jesus may indeed be the ultimate gift, and also the ultimate reason to give thanks.

Because God isn't just working to bring about a harvest of good things in creation, to sustain us physically and keep us fit and well. God is at work in us, so that we become more and more like Jesus, our servant king who came to save.

When we pray and read the bible, God is at work in us.

When we come together to worship, God is at work in us.

When we share our lives, when we sit down to eat together for harvest home, God is at work in us. As Paul says, 'Complete my joy by thinking the same way and having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Jesus Christ.' God is at work in us; we are the body of Christ in this place, here to love and to serve and to put others first.

And most of all, God is at work in each one of us as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, body and blood, broken and shed for us in the bread and in the wine.

And the table will be wide, And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in, And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough, And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread, And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame. And we will turn to each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair. And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world. And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.

How can we fail to give thanks for such a harvest?

With every harvest blessing,

Lesley

I



The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Wendell Berry



Looking through my many notebooks for inspiration, I came across this poem. It's one of my favourites, and yet I'd forgotten about it - I don't know how because it speaks to me so deeply. I am very fortunate to live in an area of the North East which is leafy and green. We are close to Sunnyside park where our three dogs can enjoy off-lead runs, and meet other dogs, and chase (but never catch) squirrels. A ten minute car drive also offers us two other walks, in different directions - the Derwent Walk and Watergate Forest park, both lovely natural areas teeming with wildlife..

Malcolm and I like walking, and it's just as well, because with three energetic spaniels to share our lives, we spend a lot of time doing exactly that. I have to admit though, that there is many a miserable morning when I look out and wish I didn't have to go - but I boot up, and snap leads on, and force myself out into the elements. And I always enjoy it. Always. The hardest part of a dog walk is getting myself out of the house, but when I do, and I am bathed in God's glorious creation, I feel truly alive.

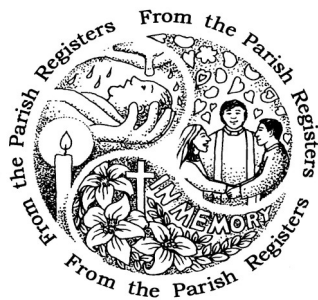
I say the offices as I walk round. Often I sing. Nature itself is holy, and early in the morning, with the mist still on the fields and the dew sun just beginning to reach the darker parts of the woods, it is truly church-like. We have seen rabbits, hedgehogs and foxes, moles, mice and squirrels, occasionally deer, and once a stoat. At the Derwent, we have seen an otter. There are innumerable birds, including herons, kites, a goshawk, kestrel, greater spotted woodpecker, the flash of brilliant blue which is a kingfisher. Everything about God's creation is a reminder of how wonderful, how truly miraculous, life is.

In "The Peace of Wild Things" the poet shares his thoughts and anxieties about the future of the world, and especially how this will affect his children; anxieties which can only be quelled by a visit to wild nature. Here we see the therapeutic effect nature can have, healing the stresses of modern life, lifting anxieties, reassuring us that the delicate balance which is Creation is still holding on, still healing.

As human beings we seem to be the only creature which worries about the future. Only we have the blessing and the curse of being able to imagine what "might" happen. Every other part of creation trusts to God and lives for the moment. Only when we interfere does this fragile and beautiful, self-sustaining world start to tip and sway. And that is something else that only we do - think we know better than God about how to manage Creation. Only we deliberately, and detrimentally, interfere with the balance.

Berry wrote this poem when the results of uncontrolled use of pesticides, population growth, and environmental damage caused by deforestation and other abhorrent practices were just becoming noticed. Governments and big businesses have continually dismissed concerns about these as they seek profits above everything. As a species, intended to be the stewards of creation, we have ignored the pain of the earth. So many species are on the brink of extinction. We have exploited them cruelly, dismissing them as being unimportant if they are wild, or purely for our convenience, if they are domesticated. We have ignored the physical suffering of the many creatures we share this earth with, and every day brings increasing evidence that they have deep emotional lives, too, which humankind has dismissed.

But it is not just animals that are so much more than we ever imagined. Now it's been discovered that forests have a complete, but different consciousness that protects them and helps the young trees. Human consciousness is NOT the only one there is. Trees communicate through their interconnected root systems. They pass nutrients and water to each other when resources are scarce. The forest is a living entity. The creatures which inhabit it are sentient; they have rich and complex inner lives. And we are woven into this, and subconsciously we know it. The need of everyone to visit open spaces, to spend time in nature, to be touched and renewed by the beauty of it all, is deep within us. The more we learn about God's beautiful world, the more we realise how wonderful, how complex, and how truly miraculous it really is. We are not above the natural world - we are entwined with it, and we need it. Our mental and physical health, and our continuation as a species depends upon us reclaiming the relationship God created us to have - as loving stewards of this incredible earth.



Lanchester and Burnhope

Funerals

23rd September
30th September

Peter Haughan
Cissie Thirlwell (at Mountsett)



'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'

Weddings

18th September Joanne and Alan Jones at St Johns Burnhope
25th September Jennifer Kate Scott and Andrew Athol Ray



May God's blessing be upon you in your new life together

Baptisms

29th August
29th August
5th September
12th September
18th September
19th September
26th September

Thomas Michael March
Fahren James McPhail
Theodore George Barron
Jayce Paul Ramshaw (at St Thomas Harelaw)
Cassius Emmerson Biggs
Elias River Alli Parsons
Aoife Robertson
Joseph Burnside (at St Johns Burnhope)



"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BURNHOPE

ARE HOLDING A

PIE AND PEA SUPPER



IN
BURNHOPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

ON

TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER

AT 7pm

TICKETS £3.00

There will also be a raffle for £1 a strip
and prize bingo at 50p per book
Everyone welcome
Children must be accompanied by an adult

SOUP LUNCH THURSDAY



21st OCTOBER

Come and enjoy fellowship
and a variety of soups.

2 sittings, each maximum 24 people.

Noon and 1.30pm.

Tables will be cleaned between sittings.

Ticket only event £5.

See Margaret Walters 521214.

Advance Notice

All Saints Christmas Fayre
Saturday 27th November
9.30am – 12.30pm

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Mothers' Union Lanchester



It was heart warming to see so many members attending our September meeting. After our usual service and notices, we were delighted to welcome Julie and William, who entertained us with their lovely music and had us all singing along to both Scottish and Geordie folk songs. Our October meeting will be held on Tuesday the 12th at 2.0pm when our speaker will be Father John Fisher, who will be talking about pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella, known as the Camino. We hope to see as many members that are able to join us for prayer and a very interesting talk from Father John.

Eileen Matthews

Mothers' Union St John's Burnhope



We were very pleased to welcome Curate Stephen Martin to our September Meeting.

The meeting was held on the home of Mrs Park, at very short notice and for which I thank her.

Final arrangements were made for the Pie and Pea supper on Tuesday, October 19th at 7pm Burnhope Community Centre. It was decided to have the Christmas Fair on Saturday the 4th December 2pm, Burnhope Community Centre. Another date for your diary!

Mrs Park again read items from our Church Magazines dated 1954 which brought back memories to some of our members.

Muriel Molloy

Thank you

We have received so many cards and messages following Steve's death. It is lovely to know that he was loved and respected by so many people. Thank you all.

Cath Bailey and Family

A Thought to Ponder

Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift
That is why it is called a present



The Language of Flowers

I've struggled to find something for this month's Magazine, but here goes. Its heading is quite appropriate.

Afterthought— Michaelmas Daisy- Aster Tradescanti.

'The Michaelmas Daisies among dede weedes blooms for Saint Michael's valourous deedes, and seems the last of flowers that stode, till the feste of St Simon and St Jude'

(From an Early Calendar of English Flowers)

A native of North America the Michaelmas daisy was introduced into English gardens in 1637 by Sir John Tradescant, son of John Tradescant the elder who was gardener to Charles I. Also known as blue daisy, attic star, blue chamomile and starwort. It grows wild and is often seen on sea cliffs.



It represents afterthought because it flowers so late— on or around St Michael's day 29th September (or 11th October according to the old calendar) when the flowers of Summer have faded coming unaware like a pleasant thought. For the same reason it often symbolizes "cheerfulness in old age"

I'm cheerful—are you?

Audrey Newton

Ginger Wine

Traditional Ginger Wine will be available from late October onwards. £4.50 a bottle or the Summer special on request at £5.00 a bottle. Delivery no problem we are happy to help.

Supporting Church fund raising. Hazel 521690
Thank You

Hazel Gaskill

Church Flowers October

3rd October

Lorna Berry

10th October

N Walker (red)



100 Club

We are back ! The numbers for the July draw of the year were drawn by Sue and Rob and Pauline (socially distanced) The winning numbers are

All £5.00 158, 83,62,149,89,77

Sue Smith and Olga Walker



Table Top Success

The second Table Top Sale was held on Saturday morning 4th September. Last year's event sadly was cancelled due to covid restrictions. We offered tables for private vendors but most were taken to sell goods donated to sell for church funds. The day dawned warm but overcast and decidedly damp; the sort of fine mizzel that soaks everything. However with bunting and flags flying we carried on. Sales were steady throughout the morning, people enjoying the refreshments and lovely scones. I even heard that people started their Christmas shopping! At the end of the sale we collected two car loads of goods and took them to the Red Cross Shop (who were truly delighted) We raised the magnificent sum of £520 for church funds. My sincere thanks to everyone who participated. I will not name individuals because I am sure to miss someone out.

Sue Smith

Brenda's Books.

Here is another opportunity to give to our church. My fourth book has just been published. It is a sequel to my last book 'Eleanor's Secret' and so is entitled 'Eleanor's Secret Revealed' I have been advised by my publisher to charge a little more for this book because it is longer and he thinks it is worth it. He has suggested £5 99. If you do buy a copy, the money will once again be gifted to the church. I am in the process of ordering some books meaning you can buy a copy from me or you can order it from Amazon or Waterstones. The narrative of this novel is once again set in Newcastle during the Victorian Era and extends into the beginning of the 20th century. The novels are historical and informative and it is this that people seem to really enjoy, especially if they know the Newcastle area. Our younger daughter, Stephanie, has drawn and designed the covers of all the books, to keep it in the family as it were!

Brenda Craddock



Church Wives

Autumn is here, there are signs all around
Especially all the leaves lying on the ground.
The world may have changed since Wives last met
But our date for meeting again has been set.
October 14th will be our first meeting date.
We will make it worthy of a very long wait.
It will take the form of a delicious Faith Supper
Good things to eat and a coffee or Cuppa.
It will be so good to meet again in God's name
And find fellowship and friendships remain the same.

The well known American author Mark Twain wrote these words

“Age is mostly a matter of mind. If you don't mind It doesn't matter”

At Church Wives we have a range of ages. We were once all young beauties but we have now for a long time been growing older though we feel that each of us in our hearts and minds are no older than we were in those far off days! Our appearances may have changed a little but appearance does not matter to God. We are reminded of this in the Book of Samuel when Samuel was tasked with finding a King for Israel from the seven sons of Jesse, a local farmer. Eliab, one of Jesse's sons was tall and handsome and seemed an obvious choice to Samuel but the Lord rejected him saying 'I do not judge as man judges. Man looks at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart'. In the end it was David, Jesse's youngest son, a shepherd boy, whom God chose to be the King of Israel. Age did not come into it nor appearance. David had the heart for the responsibility he was being given and God knew that. Our daily prayer should always be 'Create in me O Lord a new heart and renew a right spirit within me' We do not mind our age. What is important is that in our hearts we are living close to God and working to build His Kingdom on earth.

Brenda Craddock.

Back to Church Sunday

It was truly wonderful on Sunday 19th September on Back to Church Sunday, to have a procession back in Church. Curate Stephen's girls Gracie, Niamh and Erin carried the Accolyte candles and the wafers for the first time since before Easter

2019 when we had to lock down due to Covid. Proud mum Mandy was in the pews as they processed for their first experience in the role. It was joyful as it was the first fully sung celebration of the Eucharist since lockdown 1. Keep it up girls it wont be your last.



Editor

Welcome to All Saints

My Name is Jane Makepeace. I live in Burnopfield and am presently treasurer of St Thomas Collierley. Due to the difficulties with the treasury at All Saints and Burnhope I have offered to oversee their financial dealings also, as I am used to Church finance and also have experience of the Data Development package that both Churches use. My Journey in finance and bookkeeping spans about ten years. I left District Nursing and worked a little while in McDonalds and then as a care assistant in the community. However I was not coping so needed something office based.



It was then I started to work as a bookkeeper, for my nephew who is a roofer and received training in the Sage accounting system, I worked for Graham until my retirement.

I was appointed as treasurer at St James Church in Burnopfield where I was introduced to Data Developments which is very similar to Sage. I was there until I joined the Congregation at St Thomas. Following the resignation of the previous Treasurer I volunteered to take on the treasury here where I was reacquainted with Data Developments and finance around the Anglican Church. I felt able to offer my expertise to Lanchester and Burnhope and hopefully will be able to help with bookkeeping and financial matters going forward

Jane Makepeace

Zebra crossings – saving lives for 70 years

Seventy years ago, on 31st October 1951, zebra crossings were introduced officially in the UK. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire. The crossings had been trialled over two years at 1000 experimental sites, but in 1951 the black and white striped pedestrian crossings were approved, with their flashing Belisha beacons, and all drivers were required by law to stop as soon as a pedestrian set foot on them.



The crossings were the brainchild of Yorkshireman and traffic engineer George 'Dr Zebra' Charlesworth, a physicist who had worked on the Barnes Wallis-designed bouncing bomb during the war. His zebra crossings were certainly responsible for saving many lives. The Belisha beacons, an integral part of the crossing but used since 1934, were introduced by Leslie Hore-Belisha, who served as Minister of Transport at the time. Zebra crossings were adopted throughout the world, from continental Europe to North America, Singapore and Australia. They have now been superseded to some extent in the UK by pelican crossings, which are controlled by lights. These were introduced in 1969. While zebras were named because of their appearance, a pelican crossing (originally pelicon) is so named as a contraction of the phrase 'pedestrian light controlled'.



Bellringers

After 18 months of no bells, apart from the service bell, we enjoyed our first practice on Friday 17th September. It was a great feeling being back in the tower, albeit with masks on while teaching one to one and windows and doors open down to the church. There were only six ringers and each of us had a recap of handling the bell, hand sanitiser to the ready when finished. By the end of the practice which lasted only an hour we were competent to ring rounds on six with a few call changes. We have a further two practices before we start ringing for Sunday services. We as a team need to feel comfortable and confident in each others company and, as individuals, know that each of us is doing all we can to keep each other safe and well. So please bear with us as we practice and eventually ring for Sunday services. Thank you!

Olga Walker



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I am in receipt of the new Autumn /Winter catalogue and will be taking orders for Christmas cards and any other gifts shortly. I notice they have done a multi pack of 20 cards of 4 designs this year. Please come and browse our Fairtrade items in the Chapter House on Sundays and Wednesday morning after church, at the same time enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while doing so.

Olga Walker

It's what you eat

Sadly, we can no longer blame a slowing metabolism for piling on the pounds as we reach middle age. Extra weight is more likely to be due to our lifestyle choices of exercise and diet.

A new study, based at Duke University in the US, has found that our metabolism remains steady between 20 and 60 years old. After 60, our metabolism does slowly decline, by 0.7 per cent per year.

Source The Parish Pump

Defender of the Faith

It was 500 years ago, on 11th October 1521, that Pope Leo X granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' to King Henry VIII of England and Ireland. It recognised the King's defence of the sacrament of marriage, the supremacy of the Pope, and his opposition to the Protestant Reformation and the ideas of Martin Luther. The title has been inherited by all British monarchs since then.



Ironically, it was only 17 years later that Henry was excommunicated by another Pope, Paul III, because of his divorce from Catherine of Aragon. Even more ironically, this came after Henry had his next queen, Anne Boleyn, executed. His infatuation with Anne had been the reason he decided excommunication was a price worth paying, in the hope that she would provide him with an heir.

Anne was a keen supporter of Martin Luther, and her influence – and the excommunication – led to the independence of Britain from the Roman Catholic Church, and therefore to the Reformation.

Anne was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I, the strongly Protestant and long-lived sovereign who was in fact the successor that Henry VIII had longed for. It just never occurred to him that it could be a woman.

Source The Parish Pump

How to shorten – or extend – your life

Every time you eat a hot dog, you have shortened your life by 36 minutes. But if you eat a portion of nuts, or even better a peanut butter and jam sandwich, you will have added 30 minutes to your life.

These are just some of the findings in a recent study at the University of Michigan. It created a Health Nutritional Index on almost 6,000 foods, which calculated the health burden of one gram of food, and then scaled it up to a standard serving size.

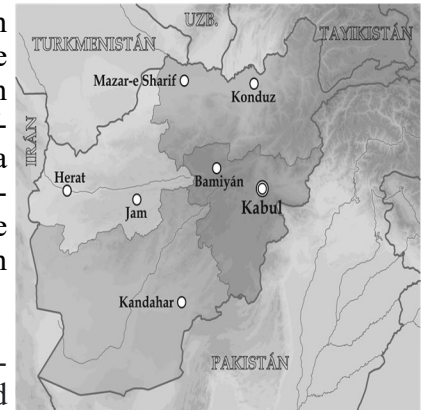
Thus, processed meat, trans fatty acids and sodium in the hot dog take their toll, while the high nut content in the sandwich is very nutritious.

As one professor explained: "Small targeted substitutions offer a feasible strategy to achieve significant health benefits."

Source The Parish Pump

The UK and US in Afghanistan

Twenty years ago, on 7th October 2001, the first US and British forces arrived in Afghanistan to launch a massive military offensive following the 9/11 terrorist attack on the United States.



The aim of the offensive was to find and neutralise the al-Qaeda militants under Osama bin Laden who had planned the aerial terror attack with support from the Taliban, killing nearly 3000 people. The Taliban had at that time been in power over most of Afghanistan for five years, tightening the screw with their own strict interpretation of sharia law.

The decision to send forces into Afghanistan – Operation Enduring Freedom – was made by President George W Bush, supported by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and was initially successful, with support from Northern Afghan forces, taking the final Taliban stronghold of Kandahar in December the same year. But the Taliban never went away, regrouping in the mountains and in neighbouring Pakistan.

Some 456 Britons lost their lives in Afghanistan in the 20-year conflict, and there were many other fatalities, including 2,448 American soldiers, 66,000 Afghan national military and police, 3,846 US contractors, 1,144 NATO allies, 444 aid workers, 72 journalists and 47,245 Afghan civilians.

Source The Parish Pump





An Extract from the Parish Magazine of October 1894

On Monday, August 27th, the adult members of the choir had their annual trip. The place selected this year was Ripon, and although it was very dull on leaving Lanchester, and raining in Durham, when Ripon was reached it was found no rain had fallen that morning. After making arrangements for dinner, the party set out for the Cathedral. Here the Service had started, but after a short time those who waited were delighted with the splendid look round the noble edifice, and with the interesting description of its various treasures by the Verger. An excellent dinner was then partaken of, and all afterwards set out in a comfortable brake for Studley Royal. The noble trees in the park, and the deer scampering about, were objects of interest as the brake proceeded up the drive towards Studley Church. Arriving at the entrance to the grounds, the Choir started on what proved to be an ever increasing beautiful walk, until the "Surprise" was reached, and to most of them it was one, as Fountains Abbey appeared in full view. The ruins were explored, and all took rest in the Cloisters before returning. At the gates a nice tea was provided, and then all visited Studley Church. Everyone here agreed that God's Temple was "exceedingly magnificle". Driving back to Ripon, a short time was still allowed for the purchase of souvenirs. The ride back to Durham was very merry indeed, and here a brake was ready for Lanchester. The drive home was enlivened with song, which increased as they drove up the village. Thus ended one of the most delightful annual outings ever enjoyed by the members of the Choir and which can never be forgotten. On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, I took the Choir boys for a day out; judging from the splendid advertisement, the "Carnival" at Newcastle seemed to afford a strong attraction, and a very suitable source of amusement for boys, but in this we were disappointed, although we did witness a wonderful feat in a balloon ascent, from which, when it had reached a great altitude, an experienced aeronaut descended to the ground by means of a parachute; on the whole we had a good time of it, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Turning our attention to the future, the School must engross our thoughts, for in consequence of the growth of the parish, the managers are taking active steps towards enlarging the buildings, which is becoming imperative; this is why we propose to devote the Harvest Festival offertories this year to the School Enlargement Fund. When the Schools were built we had a good friend in the National Society who aided us most liberally. To this source we shall look for a little further help, for she is ever ready to help those who help themselves, and so on Sunday, October 21st, sermons will be preached on behalf of the National Society. And now we come to the all-absorbing topic, the "Harvest Home" and Parish Tea, to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10th. The Festival is intended as a special opportunity for thanking Almighty God for all His mercies vouchsafed to us in providing us with daily bread, and so we begin our Festival with the *one* Divinely ordained Christian Service, Holy Communion; a service known in its early days by the name of Eucharist, meaning Thanksgiving, and therefore a right and fitting way of shewing our gratitude to the One Father. Let me then ask you, as many as can do so, to begin your Thanksgiving by coming to that highest form of Christian Worship on Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Tea will be on the table at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and the Evening Service will commence at 7. Gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables will be gladly received at the Church on Tuesday the 9th. Tickets, Subscribers 2/6, non-subscribers 9d, may be obtained from Mrs Reed, Mrs Towns, Miss Pallister. or Mr. W. Cumming, Hon. Sec

Yours faithfully **George Jepson**

Peter Smith

Churchwarden's report

Well things are slowly returning to normal or are they?

Following Lesley's roadmap things are improving in our Church Family life. We are now able to remove our masks (if you wish) and we are now able to sing which is indeed a joy. We are able to share a cup of tea and a biscuit after services on Sundays and Wednesdays. Activities are returning in the Chapter House also, Accapella on Mondays, Meditation on Tuesdays and the Mothers' Union have held their first meeting in there for over 18 months. Church Wives are planning to return soon also.

We are pleased to be able to report that Bellringing is cautiously returning following discussion with ringers. Olga and Craig have revamped our Health and safety rules for ringing in the Tower.

Yes, we are all pleased to return to the things we know and love, but we still need to be vigilant and mindful of the current COVID situation to keep each other safe. We shall still ensure that Sanitiser stations are maintained in Church.

We have had a good response to the request for volunteers to form a Church cleaning team which we are currently working towards putting into practice, we are also inviting volunteers to join our Baptismal Team.

We are looking to carrying out repainting to the Chapter House and Corridor /Staircase in early October. The leaking rooflight which caused problems during the heavy downpour recently has been attended to, and we await the renewal of the upstairs toilet fan.

Items which have been stored for years in the metal cabinet at the top of the stairs have been sorted and taken to the local Archive at Durham,

We do however need to consider the works which are listed as necessary within five years in the Quinquennial reports for both Churches.

The plaster Limewash flaking above the beureau in the North West Corner of the nave has required attention for a while. A price to replaster in appropriate materials is being sought. When available it will be brought to PCC.

We meanwhile continue to support Lesley as she ministers to our Congregations.

Rob Matthews For the Churchwardens



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It seems a long time since I updated you on events at school. Apologies for this. The final half term before the summer break was a whirlwind of chaos! We had a flurry of positive cases amongst children and staff that resulted in bubble closures and it was so bad that at one point, we had to close the whole school for 3 days. Some children lost weeks of schooling and it was just a thoroughly depressing couple of months for all concerned.

This academic year has started similarly but differently. There are now different rules in place meaning that bubbles do not have to be sent home in the event of a positive case which does at least mean that the majority of children can have some degree of normality again.

I am, however, writing this whilst I am in isolation having tested positive for Covid myself. I have to say that I feel truly grateful for the vaccination. I am double vaccinated and it has still completely knocked me for six. Thankfully, I now feel that I am over the worst and am really looking forward to returning to school and my sense of smell and taste returning too (I hope!).

We were very fortunate to manage to take a wonderful group of over 80 of our Year 5 & 6 children to PGL in Lincolnshire at the end of June. Sadly, there were around 9 who were unable to go due to isolating or having tested positive – heart-breaking for those children. However, it was just magical to see so many children who had missed out on so much over the last year, throw themselves fully into some amazing outdoor activities.

We have so much planned for this year – well we do have 18 months to make up for don't we?! It has been wonderful to see Revd Lesley lead Worship in person in the school hall! It has also been very special to be able to welcome our new curate, Stephen Martin to school as well. We have our harvest celebrations planned to take place in church and that will be such a momentous occasion as none of our children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3 will have been before. Hard to believe!

Our Erasmus+ visits are starting again with staff going to our partner schools in Poland, Portugal and Germany this term. Then, we have an amazing opportunity for some of our older children (as we were successful with our application to the Turing Scheme) to Panchschil School in Rajkot, India. That certainly will be the trip of a lifetime!

We have some hard work ahead of us, making up for the lost days and weeks of education which our children faced last year and all our staff continue to work very hard, doing their very best for the children in their care. But we are thinking positively and hope that more normality can only help!

Mrs Jane Davis

Head Teacher, Lanchester Endowed Parochial (Controlled) Primary School

Like a pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. So she said: "Well, God picks you up out of the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?



Dates for your Diary October/November 2021

Sun 3rd 9.45am Service of the Word St Thomas Harelaw.
Sun 3rd 9.15am Said Eucharist St Johns Burnhope
Sun 3rd 10.30 Harvest Festival All Saints.
Tue 5th 11.00am Mindfulness & Meditation Chapter House.
Tue 5th 2.00pm EP School Harvest Festival All Saints.
Wed 6th 9.45 am Holy Communion at All Saints.
Sun 10th 8.00am Holy Communion All Saints.
Sun 10th 9.45 Eucharist at St Thomas.
Sun 10th 10.30 Service of the Word All Saints (Joint Service).
Sun 10th 6.00pm Evensong at All Saints
Tue 12th 11.00am Mindfulness & Meditation Chapter House.
Tue 12th 2.00pm Mothers' Union in the Chapter House
(Father John Fisher—Pilgrimage Santiago de Compostella).
Tue 12th 6.00pm Café Church at Burnhope Comm Centre
Wed 13th 9.45 am Holy Communion at All Saints
Thur 14th Church Wives in the Chapter House Faith Supper.
Sun 17th 9.15am Said Eucharist at St Johns Burnhope.
Sun 17th 9.45am Eucharist at St Thomas Harelaw.
Sun 17th 10.30 am Eucharist at All Saints.
Tue 19th 11.00am Mindfulness & Meditation / Chapter House.
Tue 19th 7.00pm Pie and Pea Supper Burnhope Comm Ctr.
Wed 20th 9.45 am Holy Communion All Saints.
Thur 21st Noon & 1.30pm Soup Lunch in the Chapter House.
Sun 24th 8.00am Holy Communion All Saints
Sun 24th 9.15 am Service of the Word. St Johns Burnhope
Sun 24th 10.30am Service of The Word at All Saints.
Sun 24th 6.00pm Evensong at All Saints.
Tue 26th 11.00am Mindfulness & Meditation / Chapter House.
Wed 27th 9.45 Holy Communion at All Saints.
Sat 30th 10.00am Joint service on the Village green for
remembrance and Hope
Sun 31st 9.45 am Service of the Word St Thomas Harelaw
Sun 31st 10.30am Eucharist All Saints Patronal service
Advance Dates November
Tues 2nd 7.00pm All Souls Eucharist All Saints
Sat 6th 10.00am Joint Service of Remembrance and hope
Picnic Area Burnhope
Sun 14th 11.00am Joint Remembrance Service Village
Green
Sat 27th 9.30am – 1.30pm All Saints Autumn Fayre

Smile Line

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"



Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my way.
Thy Word is right, and I will keep
Thy Law from day to day.

Thy Word will revive my weary soul
Afflicted it was, and astray.
Lift me O Lord, and make me whole
By Thy side, O Lord, I will stay.

Although the wicked lay a snare
Thy ordinance makes me bold;
Within Thy tenderness and care
No devil can get a hold.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my way.
Thy Word is right, and I will keep
Thy Law from day to day.

Nigel Beeton



Foodbank

Please don't forget those who depend on the foodbank at this difficult time. Lanchester All Saints is on service days, open for you to leave donations at present and we have liaised with the Foodbank in Consett to see how we can help. Lanchester donated over a ton of food in the year before lockdown, and many people would struggle without that generosity of spirit.

As it is difficult to collect food for the food bank we have spoken to them and they are happy for us to circulate their bank account details if anyone wants to make money donations on line.

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Cheques for Consett foodbank should be made payable to Consett Food 4U, and posted to Durham Christian Partnership, Unit 7/9, First Avenue, Drum Industrial Estate, Chester-le-Street, County Durham DH2 1AG (0191 303 8623 / 07758 400128)

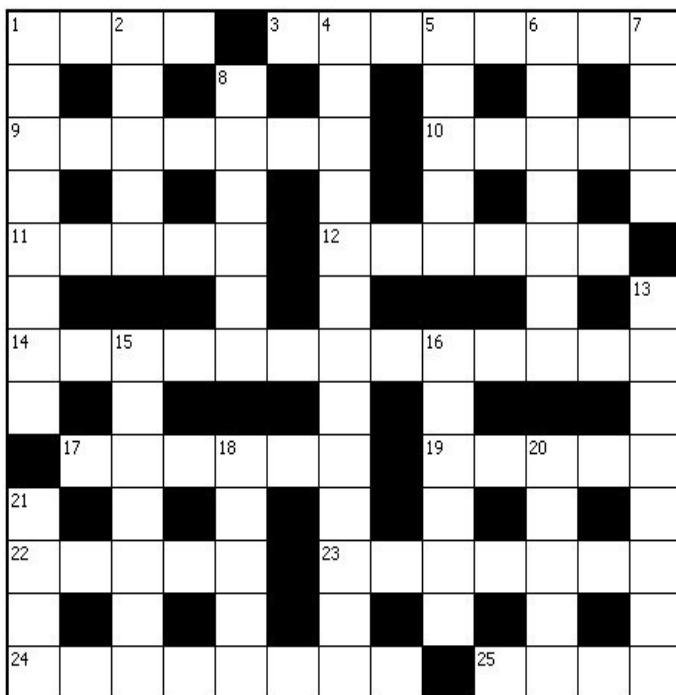
The new location for Consett foodbank from Tuesday 6 April 21 is: Consett Methodist Church, Station Road, Consett DH8 5RL Their opening times remain unchanged. We keep opening times / closures and locations up to date on

<https://durham.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

THINK FOOD BANK

As a church we are committed to supporting the Food Bank in Consett (There are now 29 Food Banks operating in the Durham Diocese)





Crossword Clues and Solutions

Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

Good reasons to have a church magazine

After a year of lockdown, should we still bother with church magazines now that church life is picking up again? *Yes!*

It is read by lots of people. If each issue is read on average by two people, then more people see it than ever go to church. So, it is a very good way of putting Christian values and ideas into people's hands, whether they come to church or not.

It is a service to the community. Communities need local networks to thrive. Magazines are a great way of binding the people who live in one place together. Just delivering the church magazine is a way to get to know the area and the people.

It helps build bridges with other Christian churches in the area. We can share some details of their meetings and events.

It can make money. Well, enough to cover the costs of production! Let's aim for a revenue balanced on paid subscriptions and advertising.

It is seen by those outside the church family. Think of the people just moving into our area, or those who live here already and want to get married or to baptise their child. Our magazine can help them see the sort of community we are, and that we would welcome them to join us.

It is read by people who do not go to church, but who know someone who does. This is a major way of how groups, including churches, grow. Not many people walk into a church off their own bat. Most people are invited, or already have a connection. *It supports local businesses.* Local businesses who advertise locally, can thrive.

It helps people develop skills. The editorial team will learn about design, marketing, GDPR, editing, copyright, writing, selling, artwork - and apologetics.

It can help inform our community about itself — especially if we include a local history or local natural history section!

SO, don't believe it if someone tells you that print is dead. It is not. Many people still prefer to read something they can hold in their hands. The future is not EITHER print OR digital, but BOTH AND. People will flick through a magazine that arrives through the door, even though they may never dream of visiting their local church's website.

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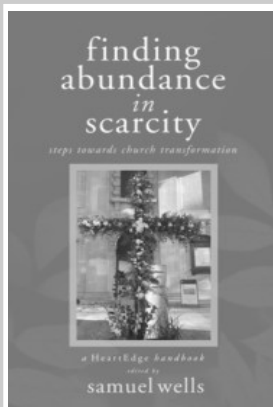
1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

DOWN

1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

ACROSS

Book Reviews

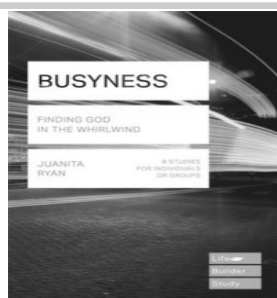


Finding Abundance in Scarcity – step towards church transformation
By Samuel Wells, Canterbury Press, £13.49

This past 18 months, all churches have had to learn to do things differently during closure due to the coronavirus pandemic.

None has been more imaginative or inventive than London's St Martin in the Fields, working through its HeartEdge programmes. It is now a virtual college, with an impressively varied programme for practitioners.

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Busyness: finding God in the Whirlwind (Lifebuilder Study Guides)
By Juanita Ryan, IVP, £4.99

Most of us have lives that are too busy, with many demands upon us. It may seem impossible to make time to focus beyond the noise and activities to anything more 'spiritual'.

This study guide suggests way we can live 'centred' in God's loving presence, in a way that allows all our activity to flow from that centre. As we entrust ourselves to God's care, so we can live in the present, where God is with us, providing for us.

Prayer Tips

Exercise Daily

Walk With the Lord



Smile Lines



"But, Mum, if the vicar wasn't coming here Trick-Or-Treating, why did she still take the chocolates I gave her?"

Autumn Prayer

Dear Loving, Father God,

As the season changes and we enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn, there are other changes which we don't enjoy. Changes we cannot control; changes and suffering in the world, beyond our comprehension; changes to our work routines, or health, or circumstances; changes which cause us anxiety and uncertainty.

When everything seems to be falling around us like the autumn leaves, help us, Lord, to remember that you stand firm. You are our rock. You never change. You are always faithful, always with us, as we move into each new day and each new season. Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus, so that by putting our trust in Him, we can know the security of your love, for ever!

In His name, we thank you,
Sovereign Lord.
Amen,

Daphne Kitching





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