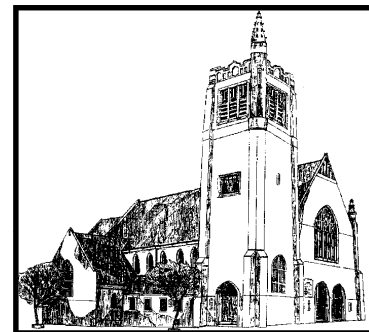




Newsletter of St. George's URC Hartlepool Aug- Sep. 2019



Dear Friends

It won't be a surprise to any of you to know that I am not the 'sporty type'! I do enjoy swimming, at my pace, and I do enjoy an occasional walk in the countryside.

A few years ago, I was swimming in the international pool in Cardiff and the South African Swimming team were practicing for the 2012 Olympics. I realised then I am definitely NOT a swimmer – just someone who can swim. I often feel the same about my music – I can play the clarinet and the piano, but I am not a musician – I leave that to Alex!

This Summer, for those interested in sport, there is a veritable feast available. The Cricket World cup won by the England team! We wait now to see how they perform in The Ashes. The England Women's Football team managed to get as far as the semi-finals in the World Cup. Maybe it was the tennis at Queens and Wimbledon that held your attention.

Finally, and for me, most importantly, the warm-up matches for the Rugby World Cup start soon in preparation for the competition in Japan this September.

For the music lovers it is almost time for the Proms season from the Royal Albert Hall or Glastonbury – whatever your preference. Whether you are a sports fan or a music aficionado there is something for you to enjoy, either live or through the wonder of television.

People are passionate about these things, players and fans alike. Players dream of winning the trophy or the medal. Performers strive to play to the highest standard. I admire their passion for what they do – the hours of training or practicing, the commitment of time and energy. Fans join clubs, learn all about their heroes and enjoy coming together to be entertained, even when their team loses!

There are many examples in our bibles that remind us that we should be passionate followers of Christ, ready to put in the hours, the training, the commitment to reach our goal. In Matthew 22 we read

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

This is where our passion lies. In loving God with all that we have and all that we are, and loving our neighbour as ourselves. It isn't always easy, just as it is not easy for great sporting competitors or musicians. However, we are part of a team, supporting one another, working together with a desire for the common good.

Let's be passionate about what we are called to do. Let us be always ready to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry and love the unloved, and let our passion for serving the God we adore shine out in all we do.

Go well
Sue

Dates for your Diaries**September**

- Mon 2nd Elders Meeting, 10am at Sandra's
 Tues 17th Peace and Justice Group extra special evening– see opposite
 Tues 24th Book Group, 5.30pm – 7pm, The Nursery Inn, Hopps Street
 Sat 28th Preparations for Harvest 2pm
 Sun 29th Recipes for the Cook Book to Paul H by today please

October

- Sat 5th Synod Meeting at Wooler
 Sat 12th Movie Night with Pie and Peas – film will be Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARTLEPOOL

8am Prayer Meetings

- August no meetings
 11 September Hartlepool College of Further Education
 25 September Stranton Church

Coffee Rota

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| AUGUST | 4th | Gail and Ashley Hoad |
| | 11th | Service at Grange Road |
| | 18th | Paul and Gillian Rodgers |
| | 25th | Robert and Sheila Harrison |
| SEPTEMBER | 1ST | Margaret Fraser, Kevin Hoad |
| | 8th | Aileen Whittaker, Elma Welsh |
| | 15th | Margaret Welford, Rose Hastings |
| | 22nd | Janet White, Wyn Parkinson, Dick Fletcher |
| | 29th | Enid and Alistair Bushnell |
| OCTOBER | 6th | Val Rigg, Gillian Cartman |



.Please make sure you are in Church early enough to set out the tea and coffee things and get everything ready before service starts. Please use Fair Trade goods. Tea, Coffee and Sugar are provided. Bring milk (2 litres) and biscuits.

If you cannot do your turn please swap with someone else on the list. There is no need to leave your seat before the end of the service to make tea and coffee. There is plenty of time for everyone to get to the hall area and the boiler is ready to use.

The Cornerstone is open 5 days a week for your refreshment and for Traidcraft supplies, cards, books etc.

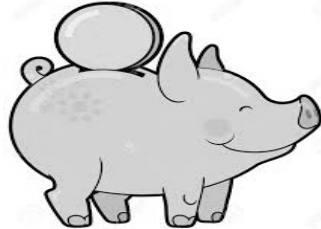


Project Africa

The total for our "Khanyisa Trust" project now stands at £73.26p.

Please keep saving your coppers etc and thank you to everyone who is supporting our appeal.

Happy Holidays,
Wyn Parkinson



Data Protection

To keep church records up to date and in line with GDPR requirements, if you change your address/telephone numbers/email address please let Margaret Humberston know. Thank You.

Advance Events

Saturday 8th November - Remembrance Concert with the Ladies Choir, 7pm

Tuesday 12th November -The Voskresenije Choir of St Petersburg, 7.30pm. This choir are touring the UK. They will be singing a mixture of sacred and Russian folk music, all of which is performed acapella. Please see Margaret H as soon as possible if you can offer accommodation overnight following the concert for choir members.

Church Register

6th July Wedding of Michael and Leanne
27th July Wedding of Lewis and Stephanie



Thank you

Thank you to everyone for the cards, good-wishes and flowers for our Golden Wedding. Thank you also to Maranny for including us in her service on the Sunday.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and you all helped make it special
Chris and Richard Eddowes

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest celebrations will be held on Sunday 29th September. As always we will be supporting Commitment for Life and donation envelopes will be available in the church in the weeks before.

The church will open to receive items to decorate the church and volunteer helpers will be very welcome to do the decoration and to help prepare the harvest meal for Sunday.



Shoebboxes

Please continue the good work saving empty medium sized shoeboxes. Knitters have done well so far please continue especially with mitts and gloves. We also need family games like cards and dice and brushes and combs. We also aim to put a candle and holder in each box. We also need toothpaste to make up the toilet-ries.

Please help us pack up on October 17th and 24th with Hobbies and cover the boxes on 24th Oct at 6pm. We need £3 a box to send the so donations would be very welcome.
Aileen Whittaker.

A Christian Response to Climate Change - Responding with Faith and Hope

Tuesday 17th September, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at West View Baptist Church, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool TS24 9JQ

You are invited to an evening of short films with an opportunity for questions and light refreshments. The evening will be chaired by Dr David Golding, C.B.E., Development Co-ordinator of North East Call to Action on Global Poverty and Climate Change

SummerFayre 11th May 2019

2018	Stall	2019
159.48	Cake Stall	121.26
85.80	Hobbies Tombola	59.60
55.55	Junior Church	66.64
53.00	Scouts Tombola	62.00
45.10	Raffle	42.00
31.25	Jewellery	22.00
46.30	White Elephant	75.64
97.85	Plants	160.00
25.50	Electrical Stall	86.00
197.01	Hamper Raffle	179.00
78.50	Door	77.54
-	Craft	148.07
30.00	Donation	320.00
402.40	Additional sale 27th May 2018	
	Additional plant sales	248.00
1,307.74		1,667.75

Note from your Treasurer

I must apologise for not letting you have the above information in the last newsletter.

Pledges

I would like to thank everyone who agreed to make a pledge to assist with our finances. We received pledges on gift day of £8,355 and notes for pledges to be received of £2,205 making a fantastic total of £10,560. It would help if the remaining pledges could be paid by the end of December 2019. Unless something unforeseen occurs this will secure our future for 2020.

Sandra

Book Group – Learning from being together.

We have now completed our 'first read' as our experiment into running a faith-based book group.

Our first read 'How to be a bad Christian and a better human being' got us all thinking. The general view from the group had been that it has created a different way to come together and discuss issues and themes that we don't get to discuss and think about during our other time together. We set up the group to specifically 'be different' the venue in a pub (The Nursery Inn), which we seemed to be conducive to us debating things honestly, openly and to exploring key areas of the book. We followed a very simple structure for each meeting

“what did you like? “, “what did you disagree with “and “what is it making it think about?”

When Liz and I set up the group we wanted it to be a place for discussion, an open place, a tolerant space and space for us to enjoy each other's company, to learn from each other, about each other and to support each of us on our spiritual journey. We hope we have succeeded.

So, it's a case of onwards and upwards! Our intention was never to lurch from one book to another but to establish a rhythm which enables us all to enjoy this way of connecting a few times a year.

We agreed the following simple rules to guide us:

Each book needs a sponsor. The sponsor's role is to identify a book the group can read.

If you have a book you think we should read then please let Liz and Maxine know.

To keep the group open and informal

To be open to feedback about what is working and what is not

We are proposing our next round of reading to kick off in September with the first date as 24th September and 22nd of October. We are planning to keep the venue the same but some people have said it is difficult for them to get to. PLEASE let us know as we will arrange pickups and drop offs.

Full details:

Book : To be confirmed no later than the 1.8.19 (to allow people to buy it and start reading)

Dates : 24th September and the 22nd of October

Time : 17.30 – 19.00

Venue : The Nursery Inn – Hopps Street Hartlepool

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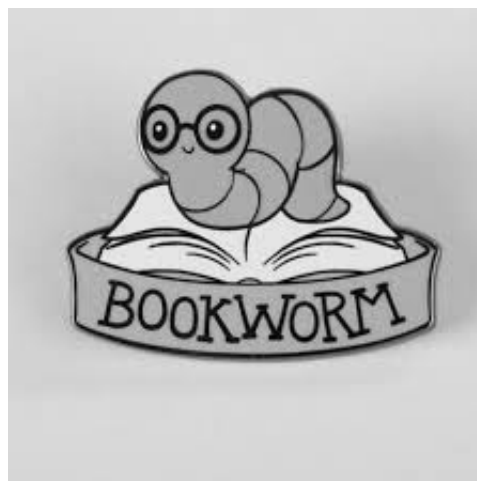
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Thank you for your continued support of the ongoing fundraising efforts.

Forthcoming events:

Paul & Gillian will be at the Stainmore railway over the weekend of the 27/28th July selling Ann's craft items and running a tombola stall.

There will be a tombola stall organised by Ann (Gillian's Dad's wife) Friday 23rd August to raise funds for the church at North Tees Hospital. I am sure Ann would appreciate donations for the stall as well as some company.

St George's & Friends Cook Book. Please don't forget we need your recipes (starters, main courses, desserts, jams, pickles, sauces). Deadline for passing these onto Paul H is **Sunday 29 September 2019**. We are wanting to publish the book to meet the Christmas demand!



Saturday 12 October Film Night and Pie & Pea Supper – more details to follow

Saturday 9th November. 7.30 pm. Hartlepool Ladies Choir Concert with Flossie Malavialle (a French born singer who is based in the North East of England). This concert will include songs about Remembrance. <https://flossiemalavialle.co.uk>

Tuesday 12 November Russian Choir 7.30 pm Tickets £10 <http://voskresenije.blogspot.com/>

Saturday 16th November Christmas Fayre 9.30 – 12 noon. Donations of cakes, bottles, bric a brac, raffle prizes, craft items, Christmas gifts and tombola prizes are always gratefully received.

Sunday 15th December Ex Hartlepool Youth Choir – more details to follow.

Knitted Bible Exhibition 24 March – 14 April 2020. We intend for this to be a major project within the church and are using the fundraising meetings to plan for this event. We are hoping to invite local schools and colleges to visit as part of their curriculum studies and well as churches and local groups. We hope to plan a number of other social events around the exhibition.



News of People

We send best wishes to those members of our church family who have been or are currently unwell, we think about them and miss them



Emily Rodgers has successfully completed her BSc Child Nursing Degree at Northumbria University with a first-class honours degree. She will take up a Staff Nurse post on the Special Care Baby Unit at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle in the Autumn.
Congratulations Em.

Flower Donors

August 4	Mrs M Daniel
August 11	Service at Grange Road Methodist Church
August 18	Mrs C Eddowes
August 25	Mr & Mrs A Ord
September 1	
September 8	Mrs G Cartman
September 15	
September 22	Mrs S Twist
September 29	



The Flower Ladies are arranging deliveries on each Sunday morning. If you would like to help on any particular day—just offer.

Stewards Rota

Date	Stewards	Keys
AUGUST		
4 th	Sandra Hindmarch, Pam Branfoot	Brian Carter
11 th	Service at Grange Road	
18 th	Alistair and Enid Bushnell	Alistair Bushnell
25 th	Aileen Whittaker, Dick Fletcher	Bill White
SEPTEMBER		
1 st	Liz Moss, Paul Humberston	Frank Whittaker
8 th	Pam Branfoot, Maxine Craig	Alan Woodhall
15 th	Gail and Ashley Hoad	Brian Carter
22 nd	Alistair and Enid Bushnell	Alistair Bushnell
29 th	Aileen Whittaker, Kevin Hoad	Frank Whittaker
OCTOBER		
6 th	Sandra Hindmarch, Paul Humberston	Alan Woodhall

If you are unable to do your turn, please arrange your own substitute

Worship in St George's**August**

- 4th 10.30am Mr John Drew - Communion Service
 11th 10.30am United Service at Grange Road Methodist Church
 18th 10.30am Rev Ruth Crofton
 25th 10.30am Mrs Jan Harper – Not Parade Service

September

- 1st 10.30am Mrs Chris Eddowes - Communion Service
 8th 10.30am Mrs Judith Winn - United Service with Grange Road
 15th 10.30am The Worship Team
 22nd 10.30am Rev John Durrell
 29th 10.30am Rev Sue Fender – Harvest and Parade Service
 This service will be followed by a Harvest Lunch

October

- 6th 10.30am Rev Sue Fender – Group Service and Communion
 This service will be followed by Faith Lunch and a Group Church Meeting



We are now recording our services whenever possible, and thanks go to Paul Rodgers for doing this for us. If any of our housebound members and friends, or those who are unable to be present on a particular Sunday, would like to listen to the service, please let me know and I will arrange for the CD to be loaned to you. Margaret

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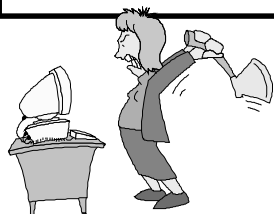
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St George's Regular Activities

- Sun 10.30am Family Worship
 Mon 2.00pm Monday Meeting at Grange Road
 6.00pm Beavers
 6.30pm Cub Scouts
 7.0pm Scouts
 3rd Tuesday in month Prayer meeting 11.00am
 Thur 10am Hobbies Club

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Communion Rota**Sept**

Mr P Rodgers Mrs G Rodgers

Oct

Mr A Woodhall Mrs B Woodhall

All elders to help with clearing up.

Creche Rota

Aug 4	Mrs T Kirkpatrick	Mrs E S Welsh
11	Mrs S Harrison	Mrs E S Welsh
18	Mrs G Cartman	Mrs E S Welsh
25	Mrs M Ord	Mrs E S Welsh
Sep 1	Mrs T Kirkpatrick	Mrs E S Welsh
8	Mrs S Harrison	Mrs E S Welsh
15	Mrs G Cartman	Mrs E S Welsh
22	Mrs T Kirkpatrick	Mrs E S Welsh
29	Mrs M Ord	Mrs E S Welsh
Oct 6	Mrs S Harrison	Mrs E S Welsh
13	Mrs G Cartman	Mrs E S Welsh

PLEASE ARRANGE OWN SUBSTITUTE IF UNABLE TO ATTEND.