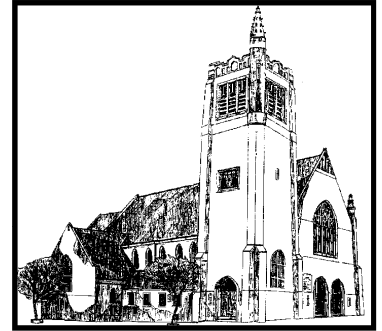




Newsletter of St. George's URC Hartlepool June-July 2018



Dear Friends

It is good to write to you as your now inducted 'official' Minister! Thank you so much for the warm welcome I received at the Induction Service at Hartlepool and for the gift of Feasting on the Word commentaries and many cards received. It was good to see so many of you there and to hear you sing! Thanks to all of you who took part, set up the church, provided food or just came along to make the day so special.

Many of you have commented on Michael's sermon at the service and they need for us to work together as a team here in Hartlepool and Teesside but also as members of the wider church community.

We were reminded of the words in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians about being parts of a body and that we are all needed and valued. We are called equally to share the Good News in our various locations, drawing on support from one another to help us in our mission and ministry. I hope we can create some imaginative ways of fulfilling this mission together, taking the gifts and talents we have between us, and I look forward to seeing how we work together to the glory of God.

It has been encouraging to attend three group events already, the Easter sunrise service on the riverbank in Stockton followed by Breakfast at Stockton, the Spring Social at St Columba's Billingham and the Pie and Pea supper at Thornaby.

In the week beginning 30th April) many of the ministers within the United Reformed Church gathered together in Staffordshire to think more about Walking the Way – living the life of Jesus today. As we begin our new journey together, may we be encouraged to support one another as we seek to strengthen our own discipleship and that within our communities.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12 12-13

Every blessing
Sue

Dates for your Diaries

June

- Mon 4th Pie and Pea Supper at the Thornaby Mission, 7pm
 Sat 16th Induction of Rev Trevor Jamieson at St Columba's North Shields, 2.30pm
 Sun 17th Church Meeting after worship
 Sat 23th Strawberry Tea in aid of Macmillan at Thornaby Mission, 1pm
 Mon 25th Elders Meeting, 10am

July

- Sat 7th Billingham Church Garden Party
 St George's CWM Garden Party at Betty & Alan's, from 2pm
 Sat 14th St Andrews & St George's, Stockton, Summer Fayre, 10am

August

- Sun 5th Baptism at 12.30pm

CHURCHES TOGETHER

8am Prayer Meetings –

- 13 June College of Further Education
 27 June St George's URC
 11 July College of Further Education
 25 July Church of the Nazarene

Coffee Rota

- JUNE 3rd Margaret Fraser, Gillian Cartman.
 10th Service at Grange Road.
 17th Paul and Gillian Rodgers.
 24th Gail and Ashley Hoad.
- JULY 1st Robert and Sheila Harrison.
 8th Aileen Whittaker, Val Rigg.
 15th Sandra Hindmarch, Brian Carter.
 22nd Janet White, Wyn Parkinson, Dick Fletcher.
 29th Margaret Welford, Rose Hastings.
- AUGUST 5th Enid and Alistair Bushnell



.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 6 days a week for your refreshment and for Traidcraft supplies, cards, books etc.



Project Africa

The fund for our Toilet Twinning programme stands at £65.75 (One toilet twinned, 2 to go.) so please don't spend your pennies but save them for our project instead.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our appeal.

Wyn Parkinson

Shoebox Appeal.

We will be supporting Link to Hope appeal with family boxes later this year. So please continue to save all medium size shoeboxes and continue to knit and collect the usual items. In addition they are happy to accept candles and holders, tape measures, socks and tights, plasters shampoos and shower gels less than 300ml. We will be aiming to fill 80 boxes for distribution to Eastern Europe. Many thanks



Data Protection.

All members and adherents should have now received a letter and forms to complete and return to Margaret. **If you have not received them please let Margaret know as quickly as possible.** Thank you to those who have already returned their forms and a reminder to others to return them as soon as possible, thank you.

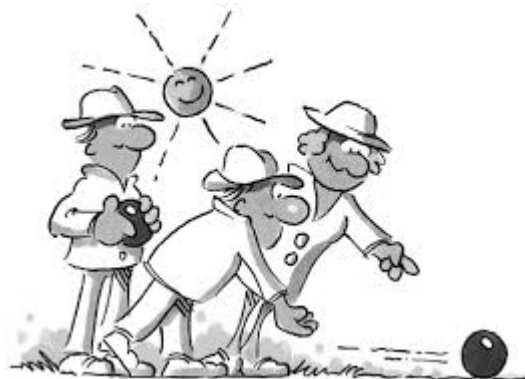
Food Bank

Thank you to everybody who has contributed so willingly to the food bank over the last few months. The staff at the food bank are delighted with increased contributions which helps them greatly



Christian Aid Week

Paul would like to thank those who contributed to this cause. A total of £225 was raised



You may remember that in our last Newsletter we wrote about Sandra Hindmarsh going off to the Bowls Championships. Here's how she got on.

She won her Cleveland County Bowls Singles Championship 2018 at Newark, receiving her gold bar. She will also get a trophy in November at the County Presentation Lunch.

She also came runner up in the Ladies' Pairs for County held at Thornaby.

"I would like to thank everyone at St. George's church family for their support and best wishes.

"I would also like to thank you for my birthday cards. God bless you all."
Sandra

Sandra's been having lots of cause for celebration. Well done!

Church Register

There has been one Wedding and one Baptism in this period.



Susan Nyathi

My name is Susan Nyathi and I am the vice chairperson of the Bhejela 3 Garden near Gwanda in Matabeleland South. There are six in my family: my husband, two children, my grandmother and mother in law. We live near the sand river – a river that flows under a bed of sand. We have a joke in Zimbabwe:

‘What do you do if you fall into a river round here?’ ‘Just get up and dust yourself down.’

When we came up with the idea of the garden project, everyone was invited to be part of it and prepare the land, dig the area for the pump and put up the fence. Those that helped were offered plots. Some of our first members now have plots nearer their homes so we have been able to offer new people a chance to join us. We have 15 members with 19 plots of land, so this can be difficult!

We grow many vegetables such as sugar peas, maize, tomatoes, chomoulier (that’s a green cabbage plant used in one of our native dishes with tomatoes and peanut butter) spinach, and king onions. Dabane Trust, who receive money from Christian Aid, told me it was good to plant shallots in between plants like carrots to stop pests, and it works. It is very, very, hard and hot work in the garden but all the families eat more healthily now. We can see the benefits.

Dabane Trust built a Joma pump to bring water from the dry river bed behind the dam. It is then pumped up to our garden. The water goes into our big green tanks. Soon Dabane Trust are going to bring us a new solar powered pump. That means one of us will not have to sit there and pump the water up to the tank. That is hard work. We are going to keep the old Joma pump though, as a back-up, just in case! It means there will be two tanks in the garden. We have also talked about raising the dam level to trap as much water in the sand behind it, but that would be a very big task. Let’s get the new pump first.

Getting water from the river has really helped us in so many ways. Our families are healthier, we work together better and we can sell our produce in nearby villages. Some of us have supplied food for families catering for funerals. Those that can afford it take vegetables to the local processing plant for them to be dried.

The garden has made a huge difference to everyone but the new pump will make things even better.



St George's UR Church**Summer Fayre****5th May 2018**

<u>2017</u>	<u>Stall</u>	<u>2018</u>
£126.90	Cake Stall	£159.48
£100.30	Hobbies Tombola	£85.80
£48.00	Junior Church	£55.55
£43.70	Scouts Tombola	£53.00
£40.00	Raffle	£45.10
.....	Jewellery	£31.25
£100.97	White Elephant	£46.30
£336.00	Sandra's Plants	£97.85
£ 83.00	Electrical stall	£25.50
£248.90	Hamper Raffle	£197.01
£86.90	Door	£78.50
	Donation	£30.00
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£1280.22	Total	£905.34

+Extra Stalls & Donations

Many thanks once again for all the hard work that goes into supporting the Spring Fayre. There are so many people to thank; from those who help set up the tables, bake cakes, donate gifts, look after the stalls, wash pots and buy goods and raffle tickets. For the last couple of fayres I have been worried that we might not have enough people to be able to hold the events, but so far, I have not been let down. Thank you so much for all you do to help raise such a fantastic amount of money.

Gillian

And also in Saturday's plant sale:

Cakes:	£ 38.00
White Elephant:	£ 51.80
Tea & Coffee:	£ 32.00
Plants:	£250.60
Total:	£372.40

35th Hartlepool (St George's) Scouts

The Beavers are currently working on their Gardening Badge. They planted sunflower and lettuce seeds in pots at one of their meetings and they report on how the plants now growing at home. They children are learning how to care for plants and what tools they would need when gardening and they each drew a picture of what they would like their garden to look like.



The Cubs are working towards their Host/Hostess Challenge. At one meeting they each hosted a tea for an invited guest. This involved them bringing all of the items needed, sandwiches, cake, table cloth, crockery etc, setting up the tea table, serving their guest and chatting to them. The Cubs then had to clear everything away afterwards and wash up at home. It was a very enjoyable evening. The Cubs will be going to Raven Gill indoor camp in October.

The Scouts are currently working on their Adventure and Outdoor Challenge. They spent time in the Burn Valley exploring the natural environment there. They will be going to Raven Gill camp in October but will be camping in tents. A number of the Scouts and their leaders are going to camp in Switzerland in August together with Scouts from 9th Hartlepool (St Luke's).



Can you find 30 books of the bible hidden in this passage?

I read this in St. Luke's magazine and was intrigued. I can only find 25 so far. Can you do better? Hopefully St Luke's have the answers.

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airline seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his John-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit that it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phil- Lemonade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are right here in plain view, hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that might help is that the books Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.



It seems a long time now since the induction of our minister, Sue, but it is actually since our last Newsletter. Billingham produced their magazine "The Spirit of St. Columba's" very quickly after the event. (I recommend you read their magazine, it's good) When I read their report I thought I couldn't improve on it, so here I've reproduced it from Gary and Sue's version. Thanks to them for letting me.

You know the old saying "If at first you don't succeed...", well after having to cancel the first induction, we did try again and Rev Sue Fender was successfully inducted to the Hartlepool and Teesside Group on Saturday 7th April at St George's Church, Hartlepool. During his introduction, Dave Herbert, our Moderator, referred to Sue as the "Snow Queen" because, if you remember her first induction was cancelled due to the country being covered in snow. Dave had just returned from Scotland where, you guessed it, there was more snow and he wondered whether we were in for another postponement. Luckily the snow held off and, despite the rain, the church was full to the rafters.

The sermon was given by Rev Michael Hodgson, a friend and colleague from Wales. He delivered a very entertaining sermon with a serious message. He described a Welsh chapel that was very small with few facilities but in an amazing location. Michael had wanted to hold a special service in the chapel but the other churches in the pastorate complained that there was no room, no hall, no kitchen etc.. Despite the protests, Michael and the congregation forged ahead to make the service happen. The chapel had been so full that they had to take turns to sit down and the tea afterwards was made on primus stoves and served in a gazebo with lighting courtesy of a local lambing shed. Everyone felt it was an amazing experience and the long-term effect was a doubling of the chapel's weekly congregation. Michael used this story to illustrate the importance of thinking about a church's strengths rather than its limitations. This message is particularly relevant as the four very different churches in our group set out to work together, appreciating what each has to offer and what we can achieve together.

Having worked closely with Sue, Michael spoke highly of her ability to lead congregations and to draw out the positives. He advised us to go along with her ideas, no matter how crazy they might seem!

Following the actual induction, representatives from the different churches and community groups, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Thornaby, came to the front to give a welcome. Chris Eddowes told Sue that when St George's had been thinking about what sort of minister they wanted, she had thought "We want someone who will lead us, love us and laugh with us." She then added to Sue, "You'll do!"

Following the service, a wonderful tea was provided. It was a good opportunity to catch up with friends from other churches and, as usual, there was far too much food! A big thank you to our friends at St George's for their hospitality and our best wishes to Sue as she officially begins her ministry with us.



Rev Sue Fender with
Moderator, Rev David
Herbert

You may remember that we supported this last year by collecting clothes and books last year. Please read this and see if you can provide any support this year. See Margaret if you have any donations.

SEEDS OF HOPE MISSION 2018

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6: 10)

The Seeds of Hope (World Ssubi seeds) as it is known in Uganda, aims to rescue orphaned and abandoned children, to raise them up in a loving and caring environment. Poverty and disease are epidemic in Uganda and leave in their wake innocent, helpless children who are destitute and without hope for the present and the future. Seeds of Hope seeks to mature and grow in the work of the kingdom as it reaches out to help provide a local solution to this problem.

With your prayer and support Seeds of Hope goes out every year to help with orphanages. The time has come to head back to Uganda this summer for Holiday Bible Club. The team needs a lot of prayers as this year two large centres will be covered. In each centre it is expected to hold more than 300 children so over 600 lives will be ministered to. This doubles the number of last year 2017. It was only 300 children in one centre.

We request for you to prayerfully consider to:

Joining the team this year, the team goes out on 20/08/2018 coming back 03/09/2018

Feed a child for a week with £ 5.00

Donate towards Air tickets. Return ticket + visas included is around £700.00

We also request for used and new clothes and shoes for all and all ages. Since most Churches do not have storage, Solomon is willing to collect them from you when you are ready. Tel. Number is 07476 456 755, thank you.

Our last collection for all will be 18/08/2018.

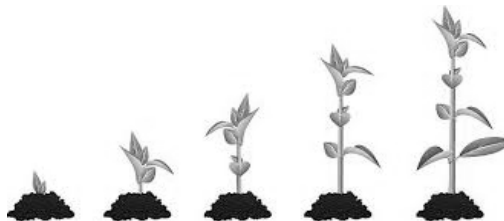
Lives are being touched and changed as Seeds of Hope (Ssubi seeds) are sown into these children whenever the team goes each year. The fruits can be seen each year that we go back as Holiday Bible Club has become something the children enjoy and remember. We ask that you continue your support and prayer and encourage you to visit these orphanages one day.

Thank you From all at Seeds of Hope (World Ssubi Seeds)

For more information contact: Rev. Dr. Grant Wilson: 07799 305 313

OR

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I asked the lion what he was doing in my wardrobe.
"Narnia business," he replied.



News of People

This is an area which is impacted by the changes to data protection regulations.

We are no longer able to use names of those who are mentioned during meetings, whether for concerns for health, requests for prayer, or indeed good news, without with specific permission. This also applies to recording of minutes as well as listing in the newsletter.

On this occasion, all that can be recorded here is that prayers and best wishes are offered to all of our members and friends who are ill or in need of our love and prayers.

However, Bill White will be 80 on 29 July. Congratulations and have a lovely day!



Flower Donors

June 3	Mrs A Foster
June 10	Mrs R Jackson
June 17	Mrs S Twist
June 24	Mrs M Mudd
July 1	Miss V Waite
July 8	Mrs P Bramfoot
July 15	Mrs W Parkinson
July 22	Mrs S Turnbull
July 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
JUNE 3 rd	Alistair and Enid Bushnell.	Alistair Bushnell
10 th	Service at Grange Road.	
17 th	Paul Humberston, Kevin Hoad.	Alan Woodhall
24 th	Sandra Hindmarch, Lewis Muldown	Brian Carter
JULY 1 st	Alistair Bushnell, Dick Fletcher	Frank Whittaker
8 th	Gail and Ashley Hoad.	Bill White
15 th	Alistair and Enid Bushnell.	Alistair Bushnell
22 nd	Kevin Hoad, Paul Humberston	Frank Whittaker.
29 th	Sandra Hindmarch, Lewis Muldown.	Brian Carter
AUGUST 5 th	Gail and Ashley Hoad	Alan Woodhall

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

Worship in St George's

3rd 10.30am Rev Barry Hutchinson – Communion Service
 10th 10.30am United Service at Grange Road Methodist Church
 17th 10.30am Rev Sue Fender
 24th 10.30am Rev John Elliston – Parade and Family Service

July

1st 10.30am Rev Sue Fender - Communion Service
 8th 10.30am Mrs Judith Winn - United Service with Grange Road
 15th 10.30am Mr John Drew
 22th 10.30am The Worship Team
 29th 10.30am Mr Andy Lie

August

5th 10.30am Mrs Chris Eddowes & Mr Bill White - Communion Service



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

From the editor

Copy for the next issue to be with me by lunchtime **July 29th** please (or earlier)

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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

July May Ord Brian Carter
August Janet White Chris Eddowes
 All elders to help with clearing and washing up

Creche Rota

June	3	Mrs S Harrison	Mrs E S Welsh
	10	Mrs T Kirkpatrick	Mrs E S Welsh
	17	Mrs G Cartman	Mrs E S Welsh
	24	Mrs E S Welsh	Mrs S Harrison
July	1st	Mrs T Kirkpatrick	Mrs E S Welsh
	8	Mrs G Cartman	Mrs E S Welsh
	15	Mrs T Kirkpatrick	Mrs E S Welsh
	22	Mrs S Harrison	Mrs E S Welsh
	29	Mrs M Ord	Mrs T Kirkpatrick
Aug	5	Mrs G Cartman	Mrs E S Welsh
	12	Mrs S Harrison	Mrs E S Welsh

Please arrange own substitute if unable to attend
 E S Welsh