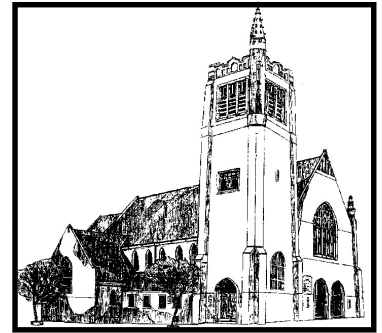




Newsletter of St. George's URC Hartlepool

Dec 2021-Jan 2022



A very happy and blessed Christmas and then...



Happy New Year to one and all.

Do you know that the month of January was named after the Roman God Januarius, the god of doors and gates and he is normally portrayed as a two-headed person. One side looking back, over the old year that has just concluded, and the other looking forward into the new year.

So, what type of year has 2021 been for you? For some of us, I would imagine it has been a good year with lots of good happy memories but, for others, the past year may have been very distressing. If the year 2021 has been paved with problems for you and your family try not to be too dishearten and to cheer you up, just thank God for just one especially good thing that has happened to you in the old year. Then think of one good thing that you are looking forward to in the New Year and ask for God's help for 2022. For I hope and pray that this year will be a lot better for you and your family.

As a church, we may have to make some challenging discussions during 2022 therefore we all need to ask God for His help and guidance to keep us on the right track.

New Year is also traditionally a time when we set goals or resolutions for ourselves and our church which should also be reflected in our Christian lives. Remember, that Jesus' love's us all and His forgiveness encourages us to bring our past life to Him and to live in the present within His company. With Him we can face the future with a renewed hope and to place our own, our church, and the world's future needs in the hands of God.

God bless you all and have a good 2022.

Brian.



Dates for your Diaries

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December

Sat 18th Carol Service, 7pm. Admission by ticket only, tickets free. See Paul R.

January

TBC The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As yet we are unsure if this is going ahead.

Coffee Rota

	19	Liz Moss, Enid Bushnell
	26	Sheila & Robert Harrison
2022		
Jan	2	Rose Hastings, Pam Branfoot



Nativity Service

I must warn you, this will be a nativity with no tea towels, no dressing gowns and no toy lamb! You will have to bring your imaginations as it's a nativity for the time of Covid.

Chris



Future events in St. George's

We are set to have a busy few weeks in St George's culminating in the Carols for Hartlepool carol service on the 18th. Our Remembrance concert was a great success and just shows what we can do when we all pull together. Everyone who came along had a great time and there was a lot of murmurings about what could we do next year. The Christmas Fayre was a great success and a very positive experience for the church.

As I write this we are looking forward to the Ex-Hartlepool Youth Choir Concert which is always well attended and we hope that this is a success.

Carols for Hartlepool is a new idea that we haven't tried before. It is loosely based on 9 lessons and carols from Cambridge and also the popular carol service on BBC Tees. It features a brass band, a Christian music group and an internationally known singing group all helping the congregation to celebrate the birth of Jesus at this special time of the year. Please do tell your friends and make sure you get tickets or contact me on 07971572072 to make sure you have a place. It is on Saturday 18th at 7pm.

2022 is coming fast so please let me know if you have any ideas or artists that you would like to see in St George's. We are getting organised for the visit of the Knitted Bible with a series of events being arranged .

Paul

Project Africa



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The money is mounting up steadily. Thank you. We need to decide what we are saving up for next. I did wonder about a charity which helps provide Covid jabs for poorer countries where vaccination rates are poor. Tell me what you think or any other ideas. Chris

Food Bank

In the past we have supported the Food Bank by placing items in the box in the hall area of the church. This is just a reminder that now we are open again, the box is there and we would appreciate any items that you would be able to provide. Thank you.

Annual Reports

I hate to say this just as you are all very busy getting ready for Christmas, but I need to be asking you to think about preparing your Annual Reports. I appreciate it will only be for part of the year, but non the less, I would like them by Sunday 30 January 2022 at the very latest. Thank you, Margaret H.



Christmas

Fayre

Well I always thought St George's folk were made of good stuff, but Storm Arwen certainly put our resolve to the test. Most of us had very little sleep while the storm raged, but by 10 am on the morning of our Fayre everyone turned up and was willing and happy to be able to help.

And what a great event we had. What a fantastic idea it was to warm the soup in the kitchen; the smell drifted around the Fayre all morning and enticed many to taste and enjoy the very hearty soup.

The inclusion of Christmas music in the church was well received with many comments overheard on how much they enjoyed listening and some were also heard singing along.

My grateful thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way to such an enjoyable and profitable event.

Gillian Rodgers



St. George's United Reformed Church
Xmas Fayre
27th November 2021

<u>Stall</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cake Stall	125.50
Hobbies Tombola	75.00
Junior Church	25.50
Scouts Tombola	54.20
Raffle	68.00
Jewellery	15.00
White Elephant	123.21
Crafts	47.80
Christmas Christmas	11.50
Hamper Raffle	254.00
Door	50.00
Aileen's Lucky Dip	84.00
Hire of table	10.00
Soup & a bun	72.00
	1,015.71
Donation	95.00
	1,110.71





The Journey Continues...

Mary and Joseph have been travelling since the beginning of the month. Here they are about half way to the end. As they were both shattered after travelling so long, they decided to turn in and have an early night.

After a good breakfast with home-made jam, they were ready for the next stage. Luckily, this wasn't far away.



Thanks, Wyn, for your hospitality. We have quite a few more places to visit, but we look forward to seeing you at the end of the journey at St George's.

Church Register

Baptisms Thomas Edward McIntosh – son of Rachel and James on 14.11.21



Cracker jokes from the Hobbies' Christmas Meal

What has eight arms and tells the time?
A clocktopus!

What do you get if you team Santa with a detective?
Santa Clues

What did one pig say to the other pig?
Will you be my pen pal?

What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite.

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
Christmas quackers

What does a frog do when his car breaks down?
He gets it toad away

How do snowmen travel around?
By icicle



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ALL THE
NEWSLETTER TEAM**

We are thinking about Frank and Aileen W, Dick F, Cathie T, Elma W, Janet and Bill W and Joe from the CAB. Please remember them and anyone else who may need them, in your prayers

**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 H know. Thank You.

Flower Donors

January 2	
January 9	The Granger Family
January 16	Mr and Mrs P Humberston
January 23	Mrs S Harrison
January 30	
February 6	Mrs W Parkinson



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
Dec	19	Sandra Hindmarch, Pam Branfoot	Alan Woodhall
	24	Liz Moss, Kevin Hoad	Paul Humberston
	25	Paul Humberston, Sandra Hindmarch	Brian Carter
	26	Liz Moss, Pam Branfoot	Alan Woodhall
2022			
Jan	2	Kevin Hoad, Sandra Hindmarch	Paul Humberston

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

Worship in St George's

December

19th 10.30am Nativity
 24th 6.30pm Mr Brian Carter and Mrs Margaret Humberston – Christmas Eve
 25th 9.30am Mrs Chris Eddowes – Christmas Morning
 26th 10.30am Mrs Maranny Jones



January

2nd 10.30am Mrs Chris Eddowes – Communion
 9th 10.30am Mr Ian Smith
 16th 10.30am Rev David Herbert, The Moderator
 23rd 10.30am Mr Brian Johnson
 30th 10.30am The Worship Team – Parade Service

February

6th 10.30am Mrs Maranny Jones - Communion

From the editor

Back to normal next year with copy for the next edition to be with me by 30th January, please.

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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 and
 To 7.pm Cub Scouts
 7.30-9pm Scouts
 Thur 10am Hobbies Club



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Communion Rota

Jan Paul Rodgers Gillian Rodgers
Feb Betty Woodhall Alan Woodhall

All elders to help with clearing up.