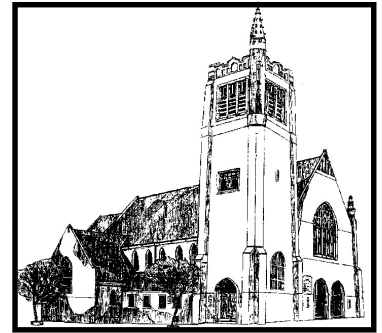




Newsletter of St. George's URC Hartlepool

June – July 2022



Dear Friends

The news this week has, at last, got some respite from the usual bad news of wars and scandals, and all due to our very British interest in the monarchy. Not only us- I suspect at times the Americans wish they had a real monarchy instead of “celebrities”.

I'm referring, of course to the Jubilee. It's hard to imagine a life without the Queen. One of my first memories is of being told by my dad that the king was dead and, of course, I remember the coronation being on my aunty's television.

But a Platinum Jubilee! Who could have imagined that? I can't imagine the Queen did as she made her oaths at the coronation, but there can be no doubt that she meant them, still does and relies on God's help. And I find it wonderful that what she has asked for is trees- The Queen's Green Canopy.

The concept of a jubilee began in biblical times when God instructed Moses that every 50th year was to be a time of celebration, rejoicing and rest – rest for the land and rest for the people. The designating of a Jubilee is not just for allowing the land to rest. It is a reminder that God has created everything. It is also a reminder that humans are not the only owners of the land and are not to hold onto property forever.

We failed with the Jubilee Debt Campaign, though at least some countries were released from the stranglehold of debt. Now we need to concentrate on the Earth. I took part in the Big Plastic Count. The results were staggering. We used 71 bits of plastic. At the same rate, in a year the UK would use 103,745,200,000 bits.

On our results 13% is recycled in the UK, 19% is exported, 24% is landfill and 44% is incinerated. And how much makes it's way into the sea and into the food chain? This only refers to the rubbish which is disposed of responsibly.

Not good enough! And that's only the problem of plastic.

We are stewards of the earth. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to be a helper. Some branches of Christianity equate this with Holy Wisdom. This Jubilee and Pentecost, this is what we need.

For the Queen's jubilee- and God's, let's pledge to do what we can to let the earth rest and recover. Make it a place fit for a queen – and the King.

Chris

Dates for your Diaries - St George's

June

- Sat 4th Jubilee Quiz at Oxford Road Baptist Church, 6pm start. Questions will span 7 decades. You can either go as a team or join one when you get there.
- Sat 11th Afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from 2pm. This is an event for everyone. It is hoped that people who can't usually get to church will be able to come to this event. If you would be interested in coming, but would need help to do so please contact Margaret H.
- Thurs 16th Elders' Meeting at 2.30pm
- Sat 18th An Evening of Iona Music and much more with Dave Bainbridge and Sally Minnear is being held in the church. Doors open 7pm, concert starts at 8pm. Tickets £13.50 in advance, £15 on the door. Please see Paul R for more information or to purchase tickets.

July

- Sat 2nd Synod day at Beamish Museum from 10am until 5pm. This is a free event, see Margaret H for more information.
- Sat 9th Garden party at the home of Alan and Betty W from 2.30pm **Please note change of date**

Advanced Dates for your Diaries

Look out for more events later in the year.

Churches Together in Hartlepool

Morning Prayer Meetings –

- 8 June Headland Baptist Church at 8.30 am
- 13 July Hospital of God at Greatham at 9.30 am

These are open meetings and all are welcome to attend. Prayers last for about 30 minutes followed by light refreshments.

Coffee Rota

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| June | 5 | Rose Hastings, Kevin Hoad |
| | 12 | Gillian Cartman, Brian Carter |
| | 19 | Liz Moss, Margaret Fraser |
| | 26 | Paul & Gillian Rodgers |
| July | 3 | Sheila & Robert Harrison |
| | 10 | Enid Bushnell, Val Rigg |
| | 17 | Rose Hastings, Brian Carter |
| | 24 | Gillian Cartman, Kevin Hoad |
| | 31 | Liz Moss, Margaret Fraser |
| August | 7 | Sheila & Robert Harrison |

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.





Project Africa

Total to date is £66.62.

In this year of Jubilee when the Queen asked us to plant trees, I've been looking and there is a charity called Tree Aid which provides not only the correct tree for the region in Africa but makes sure it has the best chances of survival. Trees include cashew, baobab, mango and frankincense.

Please let me know what you think of the idea. We have enough money for 6.

Chris



Food Bank

The box for items for the Food Bank is in the meeting room when the service is held in there and in the hall area when the service is being held in the church. At present with the cost of living and food rising so quickly it is more important than ever that we support this. We would appreciate any items that you would be able to provide. Thank you.



35th Hartlepool (St George's) Scouts

The Beavers and Cubs are currently holding joint meetings. As part of their Health and Fitness Badge they looked at different foods and decided whether or not they were "healthy" foods.

They are working towards their Gardening Badge and have planted sunflower seeds which they will care for at home and see whose plant grows the tallest.

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations they have decorated the church hall area with some colourful bunting.

The Scouts are currently concentrating on Team Building.

As a CV is important to a young person's future employment, that is another topic which is part of ongoing discussions.

All groups also enjoy playing a variety of games.



Thank You

The Hobbies Group would like to say thank you to all those people who have lent objects for the Jubilee Window.

**Alan and Betty
Would like to invite you
to a
Garden Party
At their home on
Saturday
9th July
From
2.30pm**



RSVP

Pentecost Sunday 5th June

St George's United Reformed Church Spring Fair 2022

Stall	2022
Cake Stall	96.45
Hobbies Tombola	62.10
Junior Church	31.70
Scouts Tombola	35.20
Raffle	43.20
Bags	36.00
White Elephant	104.90
Plants	316.50
Quiz	12.00
Hamper Raffle	192.00
Door	57.00
Craft	51.70
Donation	52.50
Additional plant sales	466.50
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Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way to our recent Spring Fayre. What a fantastic amount we raised! Special thanks to Sandra and Frank who managed to raise such a staggering amount from selling their home grown plants.

Paul and Gillian



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Prayer and Reflection

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts: it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Ken Untener, Saginaw.

The Revd Wilbert Sayimani is a URC minister in Bourne-mouth, with extensive links to the Commitment for Life partner country, Zimbabwe.

Recently, Wilbert submitted a grant application for the installation of a solar geyser for the school, which was, I'm pleased to report, successful. Wilbert wasted no time in purchasing the geyser and having it and installed.

He writes:

I would like to thank Commitment for Life so much for the grant you gave to Falcon School in Zimbabwe for the provision of Green Energy. I forwarded the money to the school the moment it got to me, and they did not waste time. The very next day they had a Solar Geyser installed for the school. They now have hot water.

He goes on:

Of priority on my list is the installation of solar energy so they can bring computer lessons and power to the school. Computer Lessons are now part of the school and government curriculum and yet this school is still far from achieving this all because of lack of electricity.

Your support for Commitment for life makes a big difference!



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Dave Bainbridge and Sally Minnear concert on Saturday 18th June 2022

Dave Bainbridge is one of the finest guitarists in the world! Quite a big claim but Dave is certainly up there with the best. He was born in Darlington and studied music at the music college in Leeds. There he learned piano and won a BBC Award for the most talented Jazz keyboard player. He formed the Celtic Christian band Iona with his friends Joanna Hogg and Dave Fitzgerald and they went on to release 12 albums to huge acclaim.

By now, Dave had established himself as not only an excellent keyboard player but also as an immensely talented guitarist and music producer. He formed his own production company in his Lincolnshire home and is now in great demand worldwide for his production and musical skills and talents.

After Iona went their separate ways due to other commitments, Dave released a solo album and a number of collaborations with other artists. A notable release was Eye of the Eagle featuring the words of David Adam from the Lindisfarne community. Dave released his 2nd solo album with his band Celestial Fire in 2014. This was highly praised and featured the vocal skills of his friend Sally Minnear.

Since then Dave has continued to work hard and is now the keyboard player with The Strawbs, known widely for their track 'Part of the Union' but not really representative of the band's musical output. In the Strawbs, Dave replaced their long time keyboard player Rick Walkeman. Large shoes to fill.

More recently Dave was asked to join Lifesigns with John Young. Lifesigns recorded an album during lockdown in 2020/21 that was individually recorded then put together afterwards by Dave in his home studio. The resulting album Altitude topped the rock album charts for 9 weeks in 2021.

In early May 2022, Lifesigns with Dave Bainbridge played to over 5000 people on 'Cruise to the Edge', a music cruise in the Caribbean. It was accepted by many critics and fans who attended the event that Lifesigns were the standout group on the cruise. Praise indeed when the names of the other artists on board are seen.

Sally Minnear, daughter of Kerry Minnear from Gentle Giant fame, studied music and was chosen by Michael Flatley as vocalist for his Lord of the Dance show. Sally is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist and has a very beautiful voice.

Please support this event. Tickets (£13.50) are available from Paul R or from the CAB next door to the church. On the door, tickets are £15.00 so you save £1.50 by buying them early.



Dave Bainbridge & Sally Minnear

Saturday 18th June 2022

Park Road, Hartlepool
TS26 9HP

8.00pm

Tickets £13.50 (£15.00 at the door)
www.brownpapertickets.com
or Citizens Advice Bureau
round the corner

St George's Venue Hartlepool

Doors open at 7.00pm

From Northern Synod

It's time to celebrate!

We are all aware that this year marks the 70th year since our current Queen ascended to the throne – celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee are almost upon us and it promises to be a great reminder of the good things that have been achieved during her reign.

But two other groups of people are celebrating a Golden Jubilee this year. The United Reformed Church is celebrating 50 years of existence and there will be National Services of Celebration. Beamish Museum is also celebrating its Golden Jubilee – from small beginnings it continues to grow and is one of the regions premier attractions.

It seems appropriate then, that here in the Northern Synod, we are choosing to celebrate the URC 50 years with a day at Beamish. The event is free to all those connected with the URC Northern Synod but it is essential to book tickets in advance.

This is an event for all ages – not just for children, young people and families. Please check if the booking is being made centrally by someone in your own church and if that is the case, there is no need to book again.

Entry to the museum will be between 10 am and midday and you can enjoy the attractions of the museum. There will be an exclusive URC marquee on the events field where you can collect a basic picnic lunch from midday. Drinks and a range of prayer stations and activities will be available throughout the day – you can come and meet up with each other during the day. At 3pm we will gather to celebrate together with a time of worship and thanks to God and of course, cake and tea.

The event is designed to be accessible to all. Beamish is well set up to support those with limited mobility. The service will be appropriate for everyone that the URC connects with including user groups from churches.

The event is being paid for by the Synod so all you need to do is to find a way to get to Beamish. Why not consider hiring a coach or a minibus? If finance is an issue get in touch to see if we can help you with that.

There will be a list in church to sign up.

Let's Party!

We are holding a party in the church hall to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and just enjoy a get together on Saturday 11th June from 2pm onwards.

We will be having a party tea and some entertainment including a quiz. If you think your memory for yesterday is bad– don't worry, the questions go back for 70 years.

Please let us know you are coming by signing up. If you can provide food, please sign up for that too. If you need a lift there, just ask!

Church Register

Baptism Logan Theo McPartlin 10 April 2022,
son of Georgia and Jamie

Wedding Michael Phillip Butts to Jacqueline Julie
Dawson on 2 April 2022

In March 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic was just starting to become a reality across the world, St George's URC in Hartlepool hosted a concert to raise funds for neurology services at James Cook University Hospital based on Ward 24. The concert was in memory of Brian Fisher who was a Northumbrian piper and pipe maker. The concert featured Andy May on Northumbrian pipes, John Frater on Scottish bagpipes, Catherine Ashcroft on the Irish Uilleann pipes and Sylviane Bartkowiak with the Cleveland Northumbrian pipers. Also performing was singer songwriter Tony Wilson and Dogwatch featuring John and Joy Rennie. The concert was a great success and £700.00 was raised to be sent to Ward 24 however due to the pandemic it became difficult to formally hand the money over to the hospital. After a delay of over 2 years, Brian's partner Margaret Faint along with Sandra Twist from St George's presented the cheque to Tim Faint, Margaret's son along with representatives of the Ward 24 who cared for Brian during his illness.



News of People

We send our love and prayers to our sister church in Billingham on the death of Margaret Gryce. She will be greatly missed.

Ida, Liz's mum, who many of you knew, died early on Sunday morning. We are thinking about Liz M and family at this sad time. We think also of Kathy T. Please remember them and anyone else who may need them, in your prayers.

Mary Daniel will celebrate her 90th birthday on 19 June.

Pam and Vic Branfoot will celebrate their Golden Wedding on 27th July and

Moyra Mudd will celebrate her 80th birthday on 29th July.

We send them all congratulations and wishes for many happy returns!



Flower Donors

June 5	
June 12	
June 19	Mrs S Twist
June 26	Mrs M Mudd
July 3	
July 10	Mrs P Branfoot
July 17	Mrs W Parkinson
July 24	Mr and Mrs P Humberston
July 31	



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 5	Paul Humberston, Pam Branfoot	Alan Woodhall
12	Liz Moss, Kevin Hoad	Paul Humberston
19	Alan Woodhall, Sandra Hindmarch	Brian Carter
26	Paul Humberston, Pam Branfoot	Alan Woodhall
July 3	Kevin Hoad, Sandra Hindmarch	Paul Humberston
10	Liz Moss, Alan Woodhall	Brian Carter
17	Paul Humberston, Pam Branfoot	Alan Woodhall
24	Sandra Hindmarch, Liz Moss	Paul Humberston
31	Kevin Hoad, Alan Woodhall	Brian Carter
Aug 7	Paul Humberston, Pam Branfoot	Alan Woodhall

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

Worship in St George's

June

5 th	10.30am	Mrs Chris Eddowes - Communion
12 th	10.30am	Mrs Chris Eddowes
19 th	10.30am	The Worship Team
26 th	10.30am	Mrs Chris Eddowes - Parade



July

3 rd	10.30am	Mrs Jan Harper - Communion
10 th	10.30am	Mrs Maranny Jones
17 th	10.30am	The Worship Team
24 th	10.30am	Mrs Chris Eddowes
31 st	10.30am	Mrs Maranny Jones

August

7 th	10.30am	Mrs Chris Eddowes - Communion
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Sun	10.30am	Family Worship
Mon	6.00pm	Beavers
	6.30pm	Cub Scouts
	7.0pm	Scouts
Thur	10am	Hobbies Club



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Communion Rota

July

Sandra Twist Chris Eddowes

August

May Ord Liz Moss

All elders to help with clearing up.

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