

June 2022

*Come Holy Spirit,
ignite in us
your Holy Fire,
strengthen our Faith,
increase in us
your Gift of Love,
and revive
your Church
to live out
your message
of Love and Hope.*



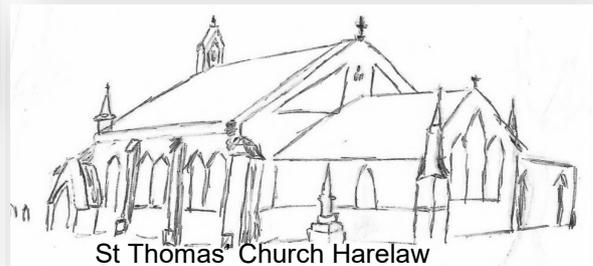
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by arrangement with the Vicar

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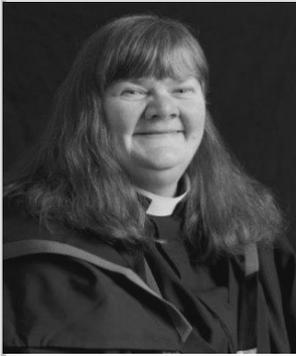
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the Church
Magazine are
always welcome.**



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July / August issue
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We didn't have lot of money in the sixties, and most of it went on the dream house in Hetton that my parents bought when my dad got a new job, so ours were the simple pleasures- walks through the park, the occasional 'ride out' to Seaham or Durham, ice cream floats at Di Mambros in Houghton, bottles of Britvic tomato juice from the tiny off licence at the Three Tuns and the odd quarter of Merry Maids or Cherry Lips at the sweetshop. But in the autumn every year, when the nights were drawing in, a parcel used to arrive at Broomhill House- and in it was THE KIT.

Those early decades of the Queen's reign were far more innocent times; few of us had colour televisions, everything closed on Sunday, computing was in its infancy- and so we spent the winter evenings as a family in front of a banked coal fire with THE KIT- all that we needed from Readicut to make a rug for the new house.

I didn't realise it then, but there was a lot of history behind THE KIT; hooky and proggy rag mats were a common sight in working-class homes in the North East of England until the mid-20th Century. Proggy mats were the ultimate in recycling. Made from old sacks and recycled fabric, they were an economical option to keep feet warm and toasty in an era before fitted carpets were the norm.

But hooky mats were kept for best, as the kits did cost, even though they were more economical than buying a new wool rug. Our own Sue Smith tells the story of her childhood in Cornsay Colliery, when the street would make a new rug as a wedding present for the happy couple, with a huge pan of toffee to share as a celebration when the rug was completed. You can see examples of hooky and proggy mats at Beamish, such is their importance to our shared social history.



I'm certain that making a family rug probably won't be high on the agendas of most of those in Lanchester and Burnhope and Annfield Plain and Catchgate and Harelaw this year; it's far too tame for today's tastes. But- I remember how family members and neighbours and friends dropped in and put in a few stitches in; about the joy we took in choosing the pattern together, and the sense of community as we worked. I remember the cosiness of our sitting room, with the curtains drawn, and the gentle chat and the sense of pride and achievement when we'd finished. Happy times.

Of course, church is all about community- about spending time with one another, celebrating our gifts, sharing the good times, and working together. That's what Jesus was always about, sitting with those he loved over a meal, making a family, making memories.

So when we were thinking about a community project to mark the Platinum Jubilee, what better than- you guessed it!- a hooked rug? Sue Smith has worked with the EP school and our wonderful children to produce a design that's all about Lanchester and the Jubilee. We'll provide the materials and we'll show you how to do it. Over the summer we'll have the rug available at our events and some open weekends so that you can add your stitches as the community works together to produce something beautiful, that we might just send to the Queen. We also have a commemorative book for you to sign; and we hope we'll all make some new, and very happy, memories...

Every blessing,

Lesley

From Stephen



“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1).

I love living in this part of the world being surrounded by stunning countryside which spring and summer enhance and never disappoints. We really are blessed living where we do. For Christians creation is a wonderful gift from God illustrated to us by the creation stories found in the book of Genesis. God creates the world and a beautiful Eden giving its stewardship to humankind and it was good. Sadly, we are now seeing the fruits of that stewardship, the results of generations plundering the earth’s resources, fossil fuels. The list goes on and it is not good.

To my shame I have never considered environmental issues and it has taken the rising costs to bring me to where I am today. The rising cost has me aware of just how much our household has wasted gas and electricity as we try to cut down on what we do. The rising cost of petrol has made me more aware of my journeys especially the unnecessary ones and I’ve been conscious of organising my daily routines to be more energy efficient. This consciousness along with the Church of England net Zero by 2030 and various environmental initiatives in the news have woken me up to the fact we need to do more to protect our world for future generations.

All Saints has committed itself to net Zero by 2030 but also to raise awareness in our community of a sustainable future. A part of this initiative is to organise an eco- day in the village, which we hope will include local sustainable businesses, products and those with greater knowledge and insight.

For this to be an effective day we are looking for people from the village to join a small group to help with the planning and organisation of the day itself. If you believe you can help or would like to be involved, please drop me an email revstephenmartin@outlook.com or telephone 01207509730.

**Every blessing
Rev. Stephen**



Home Communion



If you are unable to come to church and wish to receive Home Communion, please contact Revd Stephen (01207 529166) who will be pleased to make the arrangements for you.



**Please pray for all those to be ordained
this Petertide,
amongst them**

Rev. Stephen Martin

Who will be ordained Priest by

**The Right Reverend Paul Butler,
By Divine Providence Lord Bishop of
Durham**

**in Durham Cathedral
on Saturday, 2nd July, 2022 at 5pm**

**Please continue to pray for
Mandy, Gracie, Niamh & Erin,**

**Rev. d Lesley Sutherland & the people of
All Saint’s, Lanchester, St John’s, Burnhope,
& St Thomas’s, Harelaw & Annfield Plain.**



Stephen will be presiding at his first
Eucharist on

Sunday 3rd July at

10.30am in All Saints, Lanchester

& at 3.00pm in St Thomas Church,

Harelaw & Annfield Plain.

Please RSVP to
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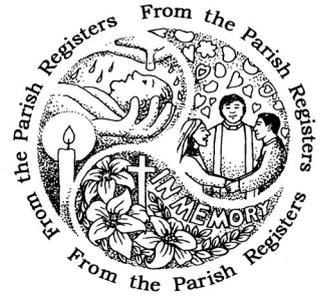


You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”

Lanchester and Burnhope

Deaths in May

Daphne Wilmore
Joan Gibson
Oliver Whitwood



'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'

Baptisms

1st May
1st May
8th May
29th May

Isla Elizabeth Taylor –at All Saints
Oliver Thomas Ross—at All Saints
Clementine Rose Brown—at All Saints
Bertie Tilley –at All Saints



"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

Up to 500,000 children's story books on faithfulness distributed for Platinum Jubilee



Up to half a million story books are being given to primary school-aged children for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by the Church of England and Thy Kingdom Come, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York's global prayer movement.

The book, 'Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle', is the latest development from the Cheeky Pandas, a children's online cartoon series.

The free storybook, based on the theme of faithfulness, helps children understand the faithfulness of God – in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of faithful service.

The book is part of plans for this year's Thy Kingdom Come, a global ecumenical prayer movement initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, which unites Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide to pray for evangelisation from Ascension to Pentecost. It is also an official Church of England schools resource for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Alongside the book, similar in size to Mr Men and Little Miss books, there will be a brand new five-part online TV series of the Cheeky Pandas, based on the Fruit of the Spirit and inspired by the Bible.

More details at: <https://cheekypandas.com/product/queen-cj-and-the-bouncy-castle/>

Lanchester Parish Church

9.30am –11.30

In Church and Chapter House

Saturday 9th July

Theme is Sunshine and Strawberries



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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Mothers' Union Lanchester

On the 14th June we will not be holding our usual meeting as the MU Festival Service is being held in Durham Cathedral. This will be the first festival gathering since Covid and we are all looking forward to joining with our colleagues from across the Diocese, to celebrate the work of the Mothers' Union. The guest speaker on this occasion will be Bev Julian, MU Chief Executive, and we look forward to hearing her thoughts and plans for the future. On the 16th of June a group of members are going to have afternoon tea at the Blue Stone Café in Crook. We will be holding our AGM on July 12th, which will be followed by refreshments. We will start planning for the autumn and new year in the coming weeks and suggestions for speakers will be welcome.

Eileen Matthews



Happens

Stress makes you believe everything has to happen immediately. Faith reassures you that everything happens in God's timing.



Mothers Union Burnhope

Our meeting was held on Monday 2nd May. We discussed our Centenary afternoon and all agreed it was perfect. The Revd Lesley Sutherland was enrolled as a member of our Mothers' Union - happiness all round. We also discussed Psalm 63 verses 1 and 8, especially focusing on the word 'upholdeth.' Mrs Park read from 1991 Church magazines. There were articles written by our former Branch Leader Mrs Mary Mounsey. Our Strawberry Supper will be on the 11th July.

Muriel Molloy



The Language of Flowers

PREFERENCE

Apple Blossom - *Malus Sylvestris*

“What if you have seen it before, ten thousand times over? An apple tree in full blossom is like a message sent fresh from Heaven to earth, of purity and beauty”

Henry Ward Beecher

The delight an apple tree in blossom evokes in us, and the anticipation of the delicious fruits to come, has secured for it the emblem of preference. In folklore to dream of apples means long life, success in trade, and faithfulness in love.



MISTRUST

Lavender – *Lavendula officinalis*

The name lavender comes from lavare, to wash. A genus of twenty species, all are native to Southern Europe, but several reached Britain, possibly with the Roman invasion. “Here's flowers for you – hot lavender, mint, savoury, marjoram,” said Perdita in “A Winter's Tale” - the herbs which Shakespeare loved. From the plant an essential oil has long been produced from it at Mitcham in Surrey.

“And Lavender, whose spikes of azure blooms shall be erstwhile in bundles bound, to lurk amidst the labours of her loom and crown her kerchiefs clean with mickle rare perfume”

William Shenstone.

Who doesn't love the smell of lavender on a hot summer's day – with the bees buzzing around it!

Audrey Newton



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100 Club News

The May draw was made in the Chapter House on Sunday 8th May
By Olga and Hazel



The numbers drawn were
£20 12, £10 117
All £5 144, 80, 48, 115, 148, 70

Sue Smith and Olga Walker

Fundraising Event for Ukraine with Greenside Parish



On Saturday 21st May, Rob Matthews, Julie Wilmore, Kathryn Eastwood and myself went to St John's church Greenside to provide the music for an outreach event to raise much needed funds for the Ukraine.

There was a good mix of music both old and new, and it was a pleasure to play the organ for the attendees to sing (which was much appreciated as they don't have an organist) and the group performed many of our favourite hymns as well.

Following this, there was a wonderful buffet made up of traditional Ukrainian dishes which had been made by members of the parish as well as the family of one of the GP's I work with, who is Ukrainian.

The event was a massive success and I am pleased to report that we raised an amazing total of £1836. This total will go up as there are still some promised donations that are awaited and they can also claim gift aid on some of the donations as well so the final total will be in excess of £2000

I would like to say a big thank you to the other members of the group and also to the members of our parishes who attended and supported the event.

Craig Davies

Julian Prayer Meetings

2pm in the Chapter House



June - Monday 6th

July - Monday 4th

Church Wives

June is such a lovely month
The weather is usually good.
The gardens are looking at their best
And we are in good mood.
Thank God for so much beauty
In the world that he has made.
Thank Him for His love for us,
Which will never fade.
This month it is our Eat-Out
On the 9th of June
And 'Call my Bluff' the panel game
Will be coming soon.
The 23rd is the date for this
After that it is July
And we cannot quite believe
Another Wives Year gone by.

In view of what I have said above regarding the month of June thanking God for His beautiful world all around us, and being in a good mood I think this one versed children's hymn is very appropriate. I used to sing this at primary school and perhaps you did too. It begins with the word GLAD and brings me to the GLAD idea which I have shared with you on a previous occasion. Make a GLAD list every day and it can be when you are sad too because it will lift your spirits and life will not seem so bad after all!

Glad that I live am I that the sky is blue,
Glad for the country lanes and the fall of dew.
After the sun the rain, after the rain the sun.
This is the way of life, till the work is done.
All that we need to do, be it low or high,
Is to see that we grow nearer the sky.

Brenda Craddock

Church Flowers in June

5th June J Williams, J Thomas,
D Leyland, C Hunt,
M Garthwaite

12th June B Masterman,
J Massey,

19th June C Rotherham,

26th June B Sproat, A Jenson,



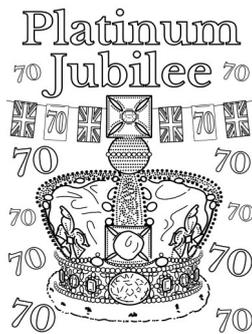
Request for Donations

We are holding our Summer Fayre on Saturday July 9th. We would be grateful for donations of produce for our food hamper raffle prizes, bottle tombola and bran tub. There shall be baskets at the rear of church for donations to be left
Thank You
Editor

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

A special extended bank holiday weekend this month will give communities across the UK a chance to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

In February this year, HM the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate 70 years of service.



The weekend, from Thursday June 2nd to Sunday June 5th will include a birthday parade, beacons across the country, a 'platinum party' at Buckingham Palace, a pageant and thousands of street parties and lunches. Many churches will be holding special services and events.

A centrepiece of the celebrations will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on Friday June 3rd. It's fitting that the service will form a key part of the Jubilee, as the Queen has been vocal in speaking about her Christian faith in a series of high-profile broadcasts.

In her Christmas Day broadcast in 2016, she said: "Jesus Christ lived obscurely for most of his life, and never travelled far. He was maligned and rejected by many, though he had done no wrong. And yet billions of people now follow his teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives.

"I am one of them, because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and whatever they themselves believe."

Journalist Catherine Butcher, who has written 'Our Faithful Queen – 70 years of faith and service' to mark the Platinum Jubilee, recalls: "The Queen Mother subscribed to daily devotional Bible reading notes. She regularly read Bible stories to the young princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret and taught them to pray. Both girls started their weekly school lessons with half an hour of Bible reading, under the guidance of their governess, and weekly church attendance has been a lifelong pattern for the Queen, who is said to keep a well-read Bible by her bedside."

Catherine Butcher tells how evangelist Billy Graham wrote in this autobiography, 'Just as I am' about meeting the Queen on several occasions. He said: "I always found her very interested in the Bible and its message."

The Queen is Supreme Governor of the Church of England but her interest in faith goes well beyond this title. She holds a strong Christian faith and has exemplified this in her lifetime of dedicated service.

Source The Parish Pump

Harry Potter

Twenty-five years ago, on 26th June 1997, J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was published in the UK.



It received massive acclaim, and another six best-selling books and eight hugely successful films followed. The books have been translated into over 80 languages, and have sold more than 500 million copies worldwide. Spin-off books and films have followed, and the author also publishes crime novels under a pen name.

Death and the struggle between good and evil are the central themes of the Harry Potter series, and it has provoked much religious debate, centring mainly on claims by some that the books contain occult and Satanic sub-texts. Defenders of the books say that the magic in the Harry Potter series is more akin to fairy tales and to *The Lord of the Rings* and *Narnia*.

Supporters argue that the whole story can be viewed as essentially Christian in character, particularly the last volume, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, in which the hero dies and comes back to life to save mankind. Elsewhere themes of courage, love and the temptations of power are central.

Its author – born Joanne Rowling in 1965 – has described herself as a Christian and attended a Church of Scotland congregation while writing Harry Potter. Her daughter Jessica was baptised there. More recently she has been reluctant to talk "too deeply" about her beliefs.

Source The Parish Pump

What 6000 steps a day can do for you

A recent study has found that doing 6000 steps a day can reduce your risk of an early death, if you are aged over 60. People *under* the age of 60 should aim for between 8000 and 10,000 steps a day.

However, taking more than 8000 steps a day has no particular benefit, and the oft-repeated mantra that everyone should take 10,000 steps a day has no grounding whatever in science. (The 10,000 steps idea came from a 1964 Japanese marketing drive to sell pedometers!)

Researchers from the University of Massachusetts Amherst point out that: "Steps are very simple to track, and there is a rapid growth of fitness-tracking devices."

The major thing to remember is that there is a "lot of evidence suggesting that moving, even a little more, is beneficial, particularly for those who are doing very little activity."

Pauline's Reflection

I have to admit I was rather taken with the little humorous snippet in the May magazine about the vicar who called his cats "Ancient" and "Modern", because they were both "hims". It reminded me of a little book in my collection - "A Field Guide To The English Clergy", by The Revd Fergus Butler-Gallie .

Here in Britain we seem to have been richly blessed with eccentric (to put it mildly) clergymen, and sometimes I feel that we have been very badly done to in having a comparatively sane vicar (though I have great hopes of our chicken-loving curate - and there is a precedent; the Revd' Ray Trudgian (d 2018) was a renowned poultry breeder who frequently gave a sermon while sharing the pulpit with a chicken.). Revd Trudgian was a Cornishman and I think there must be something in the communion wine in that part of the country, because it seems to have given us more than its fair share of characters.



Another of them was the Revd Robert Stephen Hawker (1803–1875), who at the tender age of 19 married 41 year old Charlotte Eliza l'Ians. She was a woman of some means, and paid for young Robert to study and enter holy orders, taking the living of Morwenstow, a parish which had been without priestly care for more than a century. "Pastor Hawker" loved writing poetry, building himself a little driftwood hut where he would sit for many hours in a haze of opium. During his curacy he decided that his calling was not merely to be a priest, but also mermaid. Naked except for an oilskin wrapped around his legs, and a wig of plaited seaweed he would sit on a rock in Bude harbour singing a siren song. He did this each evening for some months until the onset of winter (or possibly a threat from an irate farmer) caused him to give a final performance (this time of the national anthem), plop into the briny and swim back to shore. He also excommunicated one of his cats (he had 10) for mousing on a Sunday. He was the innovator of our Harvest Festival, and had a strong sense of clerical duty, improving the parish, and taking on the task of collecting the bodies of those who had drowned in the treacherous Cornish seas. Rev'd Butler-Gallie describes Parson Hawker's poetry as nonsensical, which I think is harsh. He wrote "The Song Of The Western Men (which I learned at school and can still recite bits of) and was admired by Tennyson.-

Yet another Cornish vicar was the Revd Frederick Densham (1870- 1953) who had the parish of Warleggan. He wasn't the most sociable of men and installed an 8 foot high barbed wire-fence around the vicarage, later increasing it to 12 foot and supplementing it with a pack of Alsatians. He closed the Sunday school, banned church organ music ("amusement from Hell" - and was only prevented from removing and burning the organ by his churchwarden who threatened to punch him in the face),. He was himself a worshipper at the local Methodist church. He filled in his attendance register each week, adding comments ("Sunday - no wind, no rain, no fog, no congregation") He was a vegetarian with a vengeance, eating only one meal a day - porridge and nettles. In spite of this he reached the good old age of 81 years

Cornwall doesn't have a monopoly on eccentric clergy, though. The Revd Harold Davidson was Rector of Stiffkey, London, and was dubbed "The Prostitute's Padre" for his work with "fallen women". There was no suggestion that he ever behaved inappropriately. His help seemed to be giving them rent money and buying them tea at a Lyons' Corner House (though he was banned from a number of the tea-shops for trying to "help" the waitresses), and arranging theatrical jobs (he had a passion for theatre) for "his" girls. Following complaints a trumped-up charge was laid against him. Numerous actresses, dancers and waitresses confirmed the same thing - he was exceptionally strange but essentially harmless. His clerical career was ended, however, and he moved into "show business" himself, preaching from inside a lions' cage. Alas, he gave a rhetorical flourish one day and, it seems, stepped onto the tail of one of the beasts which promptly mauled him, resulting in his death two days later.

My final vicar is the Revd Thomas Hackett Massey (1829-1919) who was for 62 years the Vicar of Farringdon in Hampshire. The Revd Massey had a terror of the new-fangled practice of photography, and led his services from behind a screen to prevent any of his parishioners taking a snap (bearing in mind that in those early days the subject had to remain motionless for umpteen minutes for a picture to be taken, it shows the depths of his phobia). His real fame, however came when he decided to do some repairs to the church, started it, changed his mind and instead, in 1870, started work on an entirely new project - the building shown here; a enormous construction - "Massey's Folly"



He built the folly largely with his own hands, with the occasional input of two tradesmen and a labourer. He abandoned his parish duties and work on the building only ceased at his death in 1919. It was built in an apparently purposeless fashion with staircases and corridors which ended at brick walls, but with incredibly beautiful and intricate carved brickwork described as "wild Victorian Gothic with a touch of Indian Mughal". The structure sported 17 large rooms and two towers. It stood empty until 1925 when the village started to use it as a village hall and school, and more recently as a day nursery and for evening classes. It was granted grade II listed status but in 2004 it was placed on English Heritage's buildings at risk register as it had fallen into a state of neglect. The building, was featured on the BBC Restoration Village programme and in 2016 planning permission was sought, and it was eventually converted into five apartments. I wonder what Revd Massey would think of that?

Sometimes I feel that the Church of England has short-changed us nowadays with our incumbents . . .

Pauline Meek



An Extract from the Parish Magazine of June 1898

My dear Friends

Some few weeks ago I had the very unpleasant duty of refusing the full Christian rites of burial in the case of a child. It appeared that the infant was suddenly taken ill, and as there was no time to fetch a Clergyman, the child died unbaptized. As this is a matter of great moment, I wish to draw your attention to it, and so I will quote from a high authority on the subject. "The Sacrament should be administered, if possible, by the Minister of the parish himself, or in his absence by any other lawful minister that can be procured; the very widest possible latitude of interpretation is allowed in this phrase, which may be taken to include a layman, or any person present at the birth of the child. Lay Baptism has been considered valid in the Church of England from the remotest times, and it is only discouraged, not forbidden, by our present vernacular rubrics. Our Lord's words in any case must be used 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.' On Sunday, April 24th, sermons were preached on behalf of the Society Promoting Christian Knowledge by the Rev. Canon Cooper, Precentor of Durham Cathedral, the offertory for the day reaching the capital amount of £5. The S.P.C.K. has just been celebrating its 200th birthday, and throughout the country special efforts have been made towards advancing its good and useful work. She was the pioneer of education, for it was not until 170 years after the S.P.C.K. had established its first School that the State woke up to a sense of its duty in providing for the children; then as pioneer of public libraries, and publishers of good sound literature; during the last year the circulation of S.P.C.K. publications, exclusive of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, reached the enormous figure of 8.5 millions....The S.P.C.K. has been material in keeping our Colonists in touch with the Mother-country; in translating the Scriptures into 100 different languages, and furthering that most important branch of evangelising the world Medical Missions. Nothing daunted by the cold water that was last year thrown upon the contemplated Public Hall, Mr.J.J.Sinton has made the bold venture on his own account, and at the present time a spacious Hall is in course of erection, and before many weeks are passed will be completed. As there are to be two good ante-rooms in connection with the building, a meeting has been held to consider what steps should be taken to start a Men's Club before the end of the summer; so after all there appears to be every prospect of our having a great want supplied in our village life.

The Committee appointed to consider the Burial Ground Question has met and taken steps to procure the necessary ground, but for the present negotiations are being carried on between parties concerned. No burials from outside the parish will after this time take place. Except under very exceptionable circumstances.

After many months of indifferent Bell-ringing through the irregular attendance of some of the ringers, we now have the pleasure of having the full peal not only on the Sunday, but also for practice during the week; this is due to the interest and energy displayed by Mr. James Walton, who has drawn together and instructed several fresh hands, who seem anxious to do their best. (*George Jepson Vicar and Surrogate*)

Peter Smith

From The Wardens

The Wardens continue to support Lesley as she juggles with the needs of all our Churches ably supported by Stephen and for a short while Abbey whilst she continues her training. As reported last time we are without Sue who has had to stand back from Churchwarden duties for the present but who has agreed to stand for PCC. However Eric Gaskill continues to support the Wardens wherever he can for which we are most grateful.

The APCM was held in Church following a special APCM Eucharist on Wednesday 25th May, to which 30 people attended and refreshments were served after the meeting. Rob, Doreen and Pauline have been elected to stand again as Churchwardens for the next 12 months and will be sworn in later on Sunday 26th June at the Bishops visitation service at Durham Cathedral.

The Deanery Ascension day service was held at All Saints on Thursday 26th May and was well attended.

Regular maintenance work has been carried out with roof alarms during May, and the fire alarms and the boiler service will be carried out in June.

At St Johns the outstanding roof repair has been completed and we await a price for repairs to the Nave ridge tiles.

Plans are in hand for a new notice board facing panel for All Saints and a replacement notice board for St John's. The alarm was raised recently at St Johns when it was noticed that a headstone had been removed, investigation has revealed that it has been removed by the deceased persons family, for work to be carried out to which is not a recommended nor allowed procedure. The matter is being pursued.

**For The Wardens
Rob Matthews**





LANCHESTER E.P (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



This half term literally has flown – we only have four days left before we break up for half-term. I do worry that it is just a sign of my age that the weeks fly past so quickly!

May is always a tough week in schools because of exams and tests. We now have tests for Year 2 and Year 6 in May followed by tests for Year 1 and Year 4 in June. GCSEs and A-levels take place over both months of course. Our children have, as usual, been truly magnificent, trying their absolute best with a wonderful attitude. We cannot ask for more. These children have missed so much school over the last two years and it has been tough for them this year, trying to catch up on everything they have missed. We hope that they can now enjoy their last few weeks with us.

May is also a bittersweet month for me personally. Our first child, Matthew, was born on 21st May 1992 and yesterday should have been his 30th birthday. He died when he was aged just 8 months of a genetic disorder, spinal muscular atrophy. We were blessed to enjoy life with him for 3 months in wonderful ignorance, and then make the most of the time with him for the next 5 months after diagnosis with the knowledge that his condition was terminal. We never forget him, think of him often and I truly believe that he helped to change our outlook on life.

We know we were truly blessed to then go on to have two wonderful, healthy girls as every child had a 1 in 4 chance of being affected the same way. All children are special, but Rebecca and Anna were, and are, our little miracles.

Even though this half term has only been 4 weeks so far, it has been rather busy with a number of trips taking place. We took four Year 5 children to Madrid the first week back for the final visit of our Outdoor Learning Project. Then we have had educational visits to Newcastle for Year 1 to support their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic, The Forbidden Corner for Year 6, Jarrow Hall for Year 3 as part of their work on Anglo Saxons and a visit and walk around Consett Steelworks Site for Year 4 as part of their 'Mighty Metals' topic. We have also welcomed the Baltic Bus with its contemporary Art Exhibition which was a fabulous experience. Last week saw our 'History Heroes' day when we all came dressed as a famous person from history and created our very own human timeline. This really was a brilliant experience for us all – educational as well as fun!

The final week of the half term is our Fun and Fitness Week and I am sitting here on Sunday evening feeling tired just thinking about the week ahead. We have our annual bike rides for Year 5 and Year 6 along the old railway line, Wheels Day, Sports Days for Reception & KS1 and KS2, a day of activities including skipping, cricket, dance, a huge inflatable assault course and street games as well as Nursery trips to Hall Hill Farm and a Platinum Jubilee Garden Party for 500 people! Just another normal week at work...

We have now started our rehearsals for our KS2 musical, 'One Sun, One World'. The musical celebrates our astonishing planet in all its rich diversity but also examines changes brought about by human activities in a modern world. The musical's characters: the oak tree, the panda, the polar bear, the tiger and Cacao (the chocolate plant) remind us of the great wonders and beauties of the earth and the intricate threads of life linking every living thing.

The children of the world tell us about the amazing web of trade and communication which has produced our exciting modern world with its global transport systems and its ever-changing technology. But as the musical unfolds, the characters become increasingly worried by changes beyond their control. The children of the world wonder how they can help to protect this wonderful life we all know.

This will take place at Consett Empire Theatre on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July at 6pm. It will be a fabulous experience for our children to perform and should be another memorable production. Tickets will be on sale after half term – please just contact the school office to purchase tickets.

Hopefully, some of you might come along to the school on Sunday 5th June for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. My mum often reminisces about being in London for the Queen's coronation way back in 1953, as an 18yr old girl, sleeping out on the streets, just to catch a glimpse of her the next day. A huge adventure which she has never forgotten! I don't think she would ever have dreamt that she would see a Platinum Jubilee!

Take care, enjoy the special celebrations and the extra Bank Holiday and let's hope the weather remains dry and sunny!

Mrs Jane Davis Head Teacher, Lanchester Endowed Parochial (Controlled) Primary School

Dates for your Diary June 2022

Wed 1st	9.45am	Holy Communion at All Saints
Sun 5th	9.00am	Eucharist of Pentecost St Thomas
	10.30am	Eucharist of Pentecost All Saints Joint Service
	2.30pm	St Thomas Civic service followed by Community picnic at Catchgate
	6.00pm	Celebration Evensong at All Saints
Mon 6th	2.00pm	Julian Prayer Meeting Chapter House
Tues 7th	11.00am	Meditation and Mindfulness Chapter House
Wed 8th	9.45am	Holy Communion at All Saints
Thur 9th	2.00pm	M U Quiet afternoon Consett Church Wives Eat out
Sun 12th	8.00am	Eucharist at All Saints
	9.45am	Eucharist at St Thomas
	10.30am	Service of the Word All Saints (joint)
	6.00pm	Evensong at All Saints
Tues 14th	11.00am	Meditation and Mindfulness Chapter House
	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Festal Service Durham Cathedral
	6.00pm	Café Church Burnhope Community Ctr
Wed 15th	9.45am	Holy Communion at All Saints
Thur 16th		MU Afternoon Tea Blue Stone Café Crook
Sun 19th	9.15am	Eucharist St John's Burnhope
	9.45 am	Service of The Word St Thomas
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist All Saints
	6.00pm	Churches Together Songs of Praise Methodist Church
Mon 20th	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Social at St Thomas
Tues 21st	11.00am	Meditation and Mindfulness Chapter House
Wed 22nd	9.45am	Holy Communion at All Saints
	12.30pm	Visiting Bellringers at All Saints
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting in Chapter House
Thur 23rd	7.00pm	Church Wives in Chapter House 'Call my Bluff' the panel game
Sun 26th	8.00am	Eucharist at All Saints
	9.15am	Service of the Word
	9.45am	Eucharist at St Thomas
	10.30am	Service of the Word at All Saints
	6.00pm	Evensong at All Saints
Tues 28th	11.00am	Meditation and Mindfulness Chapter House
Wed 29th	9.45am	Holy Communion at All Saints
Thur 30th	7.00pm	Resumed APCM (to consider 2 items) All Saints

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Pet sitters are in high demand these days, as millions of people have returned to work, and must leave their cats and dogs during each day. According to the British Pet Food Manufacturers Association, one in ten households welcomed a new pet during the first seven months of lockdown. According to Adzuna, a job search website, a pet sitter can now earn an average salary of £24,000 a year for pet sitting.



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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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Open the book



Open the book is well underway now, After a very busy time before the Easter holidays when we were in four schools with the Easter story it seems to have settled down to every

three weeks. At the moment the team is just telling stories in Catchgate school but I think there are plans to grow into other schools. This term we have started at the beginning in Genesis and will end the term with Noah's Ark.

The children thoroughly enjoy the sessions as much as we enjoy performing them. Our team has expanded from St Thomas and also includes members of Lanchester and Burnhope. There is always room for more people to join us especially as we go into more local schools. We try to meet before each story to discuss how it should be performed and what props we need etc. Our next story will be Adam and Eve on Tuesday 7th June.

Jane Makepeace

Platinum Jubilee Celebration



For seventy years our Queen has reigned
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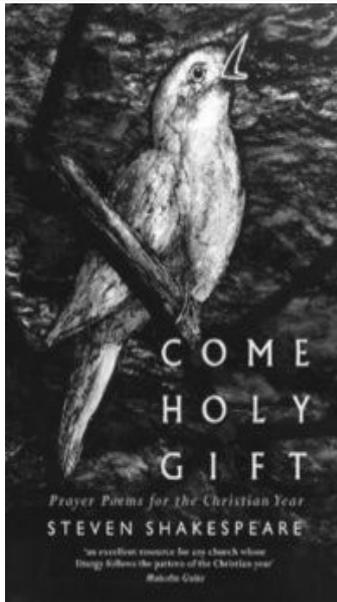
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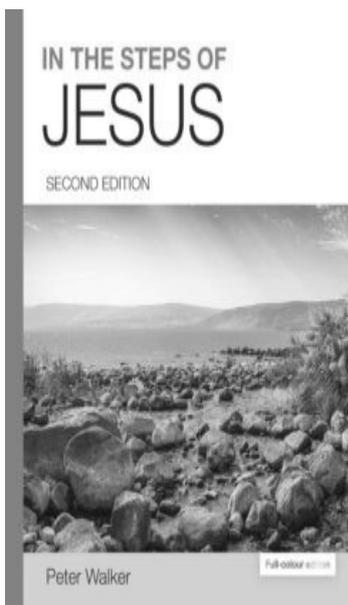
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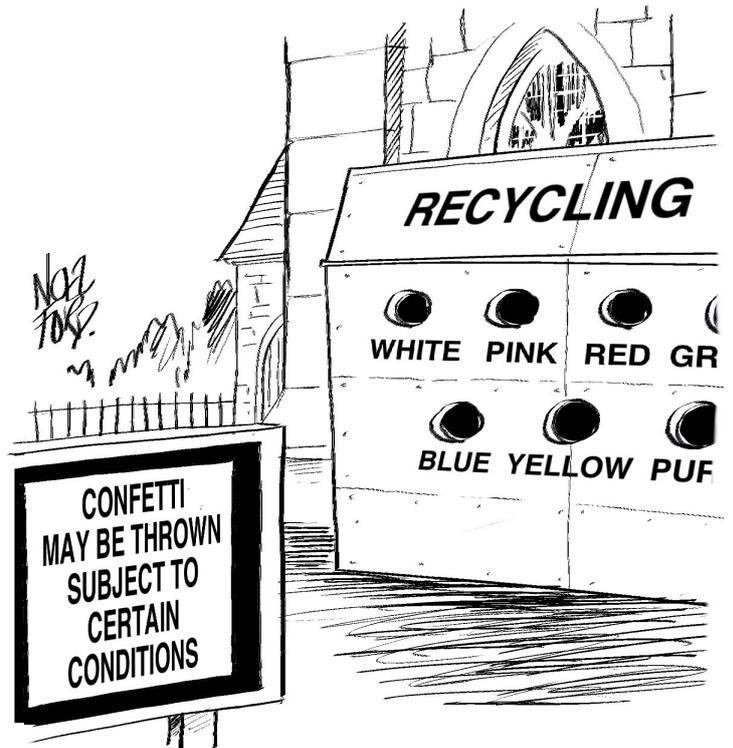
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companion for travellers to the Holy Land.

Prayer Tip for the Month

**Pray for anyone you
think is at a low point,
Perhaps it is yourself**



Smile Lines



Prayer for June 2022

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so
evident in this lovely month of June.

We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on
in the world which are so difficult to understand. We
pray for all your children who are suffering in any
way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord,
comfort them, assure them of your presence – and
deliver them from evil.

May we appreciate each day which you have made.
Help us to rejoice and be glad in the gift of each new
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In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching





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