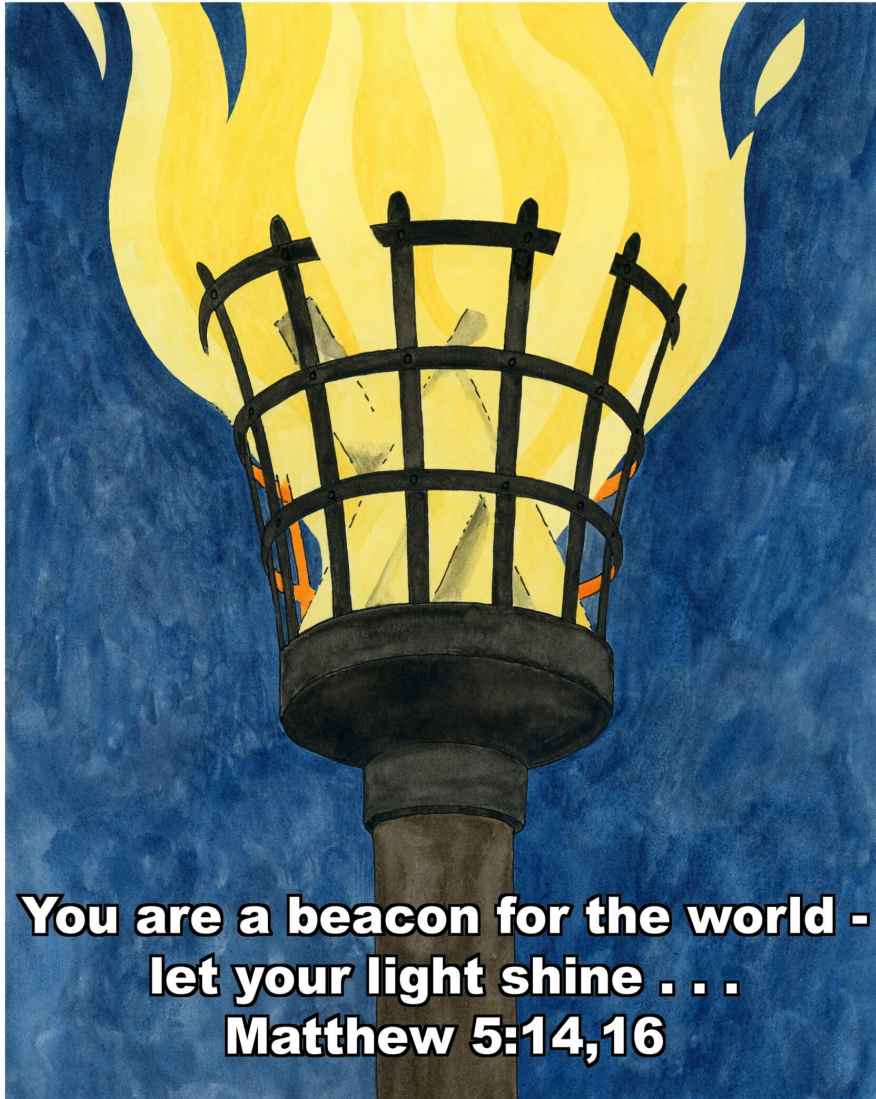




November
2021

Bywell, St Peter

Mickley, St George



**You are a beacon for the world -
let your light shine . . .
Matthew 5:14,16**

Sometimes it takes a long time for the penny to drop!

I was watching Prince Charles being interviewed the other day by Justin Rowlatt of the BBC. He was being interviewed about climate change and care for the environment. In the course of the interview, Justin Rowlatt pointed out that Prince Charles had been 'banging on' about this stuff for 40 years, and as many of us know he has faced a fair amount of ridicule and scepticism along the way.

In 2005, I attended the funeral of a dear friend of mine, who was also someone who 'banged on' about the environment and sustainability. He was also someone who tried to put his concern into practice...mainly vegetarian, simple lifestyle, cycling or walking whenever he could, recycling and so on. He was so committed to and concerned about care for the environment that everyone who attended his funeral received a booklet with all sorts of information about how to live a greener life.

For many years, both my friend and Prince Charles have been largely ignored, if not written off as cranks and a bit weird, while most of us have got on with life as 'normal'.

Even today, with much increased environmental awareness, the pull of the 'normal' is immense. Many of us will have seen and heard about the climate protesters from 'Insulate Britain' who have been causing havoc on main roads and motorways, gluing themselves to the road and so on. There have been interviews with ministers, irate road users and so on all criticising the actions of these protesters and the disruption they have caused. And we may deplore their actions or agree with them, but there has been nowhere near so much comment about the fact that this is an area where more widespread government action is needed as poorly insulated homes account for 15% of UK carbon emissions. It is much easier to focus on how 'normal' life is being disrupted now.

But it turns out that 'normal' is anything but, and that what we see as 'normal' if we continue as we have up to now, will destroy the futures of our children and grandchildren. That is of course why COP26, the climate conference that will take place in Glasgow in November, is so important for each and every one of us and for our world.

At this time of year, as Christians, we are used to celebrating Harvest. Many of us will remember churches replete with produce and perhaps even the odd sheep or two. We celebrate the beauty of creation, the fruits of the land and the work of farmers, but the reality is that many of us live lives

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that are quite detached from the natural world even if we live in the country. Most of us know very little about food production or farming, or soil health, or the need for biodiversity. Again we all too often accept the status quo as normal.

Over the next few months, we are going to be dedicating space in the magazine to think about and share articles, ideas and tips about the challenges ahead. The scale of the challenge, I think, can seem daunting but there is something we can all do:

- We can look to our own lifestyles and how we live and make changes small and large.
- We can make sure we are better informed.
- We can take part in local schemes from recycling to tree planting to freecycling.
- We can ask the bigger questions of our representatives and make sure that they hear our concern.
- We can pray – and we should pray particularly at this time for those leaders who will attend COP26 and who will be faced with making decisions that may well be unpopular at home, but that are the right decisions for our world.

COP26 starts on 1st November and on that day which is a Monday at 7 pm, we are going to hold a short candlelit vigil (no longer than 30 mins) in St John's Garden to give thanks for our earth, to pray for those gathering in Glasgow and for all of us particularly those who are already suffering the effects of climate change.

We would also love to hear from anyone who has a story, an idea or tips that can help us reflect more deeply about climate change and make the necessary changes to our lifestyles.

Useful Links:

Northumberland County Council Climate Change October Newsletter:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#search/NCC/FMfcgzGlkFwKwqtTDjXbtjgJvHhtXxfk>

Stocksfield Parish Council:

<https://stocksfieldpc.org.uk/news/newsitems/374-climate-change-emergency>

Church of England:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/why-you-should-act>

Diocese of Newcastle – Psalm 65 read by different voices

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDVHCZ0BBGk>

Pat Moran

PARISHES OF BYWELL & MICKLEY CHURCH SERVICES, CHURCH OPENING & SAFETY MEASURES (FROM SEPT 2021)

SUNDAY SERVICES

Church	St Peter's	St Peter's	St George's	St John's
Week 1		9.30: Holy Communion	11.15: Holy Communion	16.00: 1st @ Four
Week 2	8.00: Holy Communion	9.30: Holy Communion	11.15: Service of the Word	
Week 3		9.30: Holy Communion	11.15: Holy Communion	
Week 4	8.00: Holy Communion	9.30: Holy Communion	16.00: Evensong	
Week 5				10.00: Benefice Holy Communion

WEEKDAYS

Monday	09.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	21.30	Night Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	09.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	15.00	Holy Communion	St John's
Thursday	09.30	Morning Prayer	Zoom

If you would like to take part in a Zoom service, please email: stocksfieldchurchofengland@gmail.com for the link.

CHURCH OPENING

St Peters will be open Sunday to Wednesday 10.00 – 15.00

St John's will be open Thursday to Sunday all day.

SAFETY MEASURES

To make being in church as safe as possible, people attending church are being asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

- ◆ ONLY sit in the pews NOT marked with a cross. Currently only alternate pews are being used.
- ◆ Use the hand gel provided
- ◆ Wear a face covering while in church to protect others and especially those who are most vulnerable.
- ◆ Keep a respectful distance from those they do not live with or are not in a bubble with.
- ◆ Ask people before approaching them if they are comfortable with that degree of proximity.
- ◆ Be mindful when leaving and entering the church about observing some social distancing.

Singing is allowed with masks on

Communion will be distributed to people in their seats.

No collection will be taken – instead the collection plate will be placed on a table as people come in.

Hymn books and service booklets will be in the pews when people arrive, and people are asked to leave them there at the end of the service.

At the moment there are no refreshments being served after services.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 31st October	All Saints/All Souls 10.00 Holy Communion for Benefice at St John's 15.00 Service of Thanksgiving for All Souls at St Peter's
Monday 1st November	19.00 Candlelit Vigil at St John's to pray for COP 26
Wednesday 3rd November	15.00 Holy Communion at St John's
Sunday 7th November	3rd Sunday before Advent 09.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's 11.15 Holy Communion at St George's 16.00 First @ Four Family service at St John's
Monday 8th November	19.00 Bywell PCC in Zoom
Wednesday 10th November	15.00 Holy Communion at St John's
Sunday 14th November	Remembrance Sunday 08.00 Holy Communion St Peter's 09.30 Holy Communion St Peter's 10.55 Remembrance Service at St George's
Monday 15th November	19.00 Mickley PCC in Zoom
Wednesday 17th November	15.00 Holy Communion at St John's
Sunday 21st November	Christ the King 9.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's 11.15 Holy Communion at St George's
Wednesday 24th November	15.00 Holy Communion at St John's
Sunday 28th November	1st Sunday of Advent 08.00 Holy Communion at St Peter's 09.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's 16.00 Evensong at St George's
Wednesday 1st December	15.00 Holy Communion at St John's
Sunday 5th December	9.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's 11.15 Holy Communion at St George's 16.00 Christingle at St John's followed by lighting of the Christmas Tree in St John's Garden, carol singing, mince pies + mulled wine plus raffle.

Please Note: Remembrance service at St George's on November 14th will begin at **10.55**



There are more frightening things than bishops out there....

The Rectory

St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds. It gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would have been to have sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying that you had seen the archdeacon do it, and then you had watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once – and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten-foot-high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multi-coloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he would assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded halfway down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; real dangers lurks much nearer home.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



November - Holy Days

11th November: Martin of Tours – pioneer of western monasticism

This winter, when you next see someone who looks both poor and cold, think of Martin of Tours. This monk bishop, born in Pannonia (now Hungary) became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages.

Martin's father was a pagan officer in the Roman Army, and Martin was intended for the army as well. But from an early age Martin wanted to be a Christian, and felt that as a Christian he could not serve the Roman Empire. Martin was imprisoned for this early 'conscientious objection', and not released until 357, when he was nearly 40.

One day Martin met a nearly naked beggar at Amiens. He took off his cloak, cut it in half and gave the half to the beggar. Soon after this, he had a dream in which Christ appeared to him, wearing the half of the cloak which Martin had given away.

Martin was the pioneer of western monasticism: he founded the first monastery in the whole of Gaul about 360. He was made bishop of Tours in 372 – by popular demand of both his clergy and his people.

As bishop, Martin continued his simple life as a monk, – and evangelist. Christianity had been largely confined to the urban centres of population, but Martin went further, and took Christianity to the *pagani* (countrymen). For the next 25 years this greatly loved bishop travelled his diocese by donkey and by boat, preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, and helping his people to tear down their heathen temples and sacred trees. He was sought out for his healing prayers for the sick, and also his defence of the faith from heretics.

Martin's emblem in English art is often that of a goose, whose annual migration is about this time of year. 'St Martin's Summer' in England is a spell of fine weather that sometimes occurs around 11th November.

19th November: Hilda – Abbess of Whitby

Hilda played a key role in the early English Christian church, and she may even have been the first to encourage the writing of Christian poetry.

She was born a princess, into the Deiran (Northumbrian) dynasty, and her sister became Queen of the East Angles, with whom the Deiran had connections.

In those days East Anglia had close ties with the Gallic Church, and because of her sister, Hilda came under that influence. She was actually on her way to take her monastic vows near Paris when the Bishop of Lindisfarne, Aidan, called her back to Northumbria.

Back home, she went into seclusion for a time, before being sent to be abbess of a religious house in Hartlepool in 649.

Eight years later, Hilda felt moved to establish a religious community at Streasnaeshalch (later renamed Whitby). Her community was a royal establishment, a double monastery (both men and women) and became famous for its learning, with even five bishops trained there.

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Whitby was also, of course, the venue for the famous Synod of Whitby in 664. With Hilda acting as hostess, the Synod met to decide upon the date of Easter. The issue at stake was greater than that, though, for the decision would sway the Church in Britain to adapt either the Celtic or Roman traditions. Although Hilda defended the Celtic church customs, she accepted with grace the decision of the Synod to accept the Roman date for Easter, and she then worked to unite the Church throughout the land.

30th November: Andrew – first disciple of Jesus

Andrew, whose feast day ends the Christian year on 30th November, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

In fact, there are so many legends about him all over Europe and the Middle East that it's safest to stick to what the Gospels tell us – though the strong tradition that he was martyred by crucifixion is probably true and is perpetuated in the 'St Andrew's Cross', the 'saltyre' of Scotland.

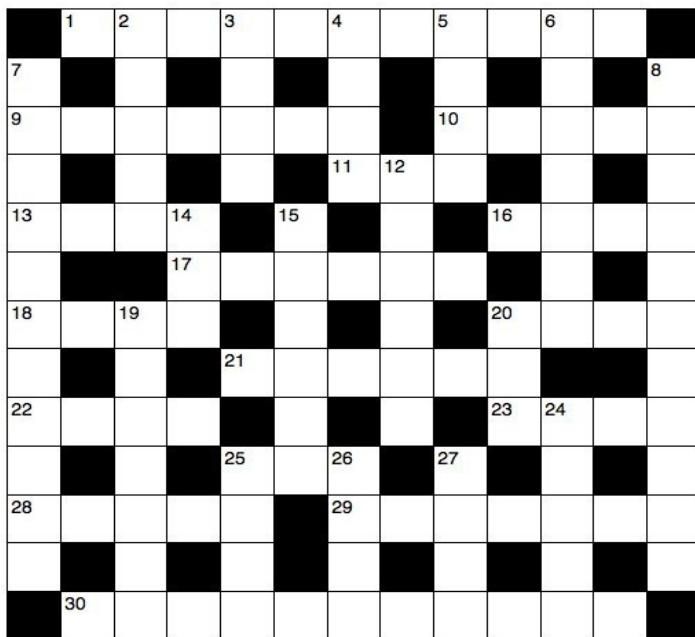
The Gospels record that he was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ – his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the desert, to be taught by the charismatic prophet known to us as John the Baptist. Many thought that he was the long-promised Messiah, but John insisted that he was not. 'I am the voice crying in the wilderness,' he told the crowds. 'Prepare the way of the Lord! One comes after me who is greater than I am.' So when one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

All the more strange, then (though, on reflection, very true to human nature) that when Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' Or, perhaps, they were hinting that what they were seeking could not be dealt with in a brief conversation. If they could come to his lodgings, perhaps their burning questions might be answered.

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. Come and see what I'm like, what I do, the sort of person I am. What an invitation!

The results of their response were in this case life-changing – for themselves, and for many other people. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. The next day Jesus met Philip and called him to 'follow'. Philip then brought Nathaniel. The little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was being formed. They came, they saw, they were conquered! And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

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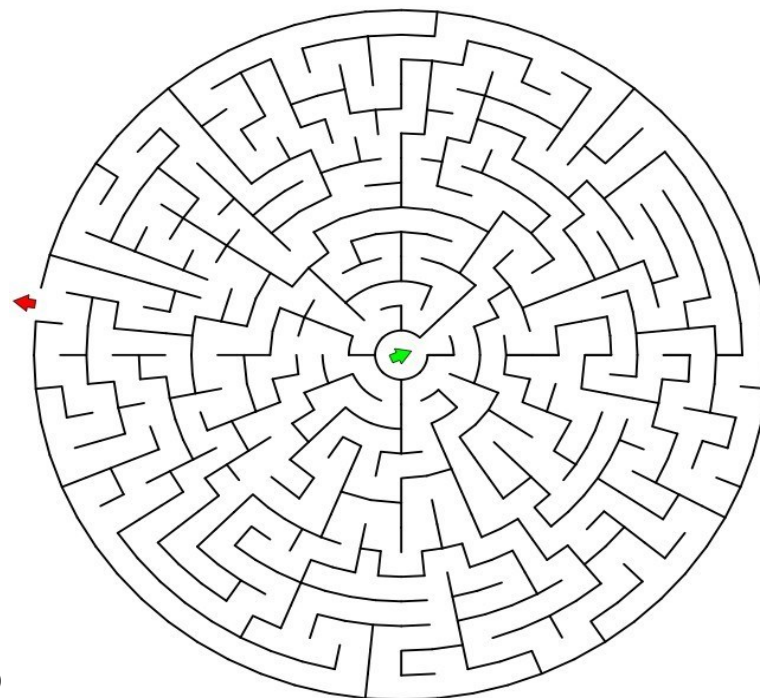


Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across



Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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Poppies

It was 100 years ago this month, on 11th Nov 1921, that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war.

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War 1, tens of thousands of bright red poppies had grown, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields",

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.

Remembrance

Poppies

Sold

Countries

Commemorate

Military

Personnel

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Blood

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Trench

Warfare

Thousands

Bright

Red

Graves

Fallen

Flanders

Fields

Symbol

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Stocksfield War Memorial

100 years ago, in February 1921, the Stocksfield War Memorial was dedicated by Viscountess Allendale to commemorate the men and women from this area who lost their lives in WW1; it was re-dedicated in November 1946 when the names of those who died in WW2 were added. The site for the War Memorial and the adjacent cottage for a District Nurse were given to the community by Lord Allendale. Local people had raised the funds for the building of the memorial and the cottage. It was felt that a District Nurse was a fitting tribute to the memory of those who had suffered or died.

From late 2009 until September 2011 six members of Stocksfield Local History Society researched the 51 names (40 from WW1 and 11 from WW2) listed on the memorial. I have continued since then, with considerable help from my husband Alan. We have visited many of the War Grave sites in England, France and Belgium. I have no plans to stop the research. The stories of these men and women show that all the services (army, navy, merchant navy, airforce and medical) were represented. Some are remembered in local graveyards (St Peter's, St Andrew's, St George's and Hindley), but others lie in France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Greece, Bulgaria, Burma, Egypt, Iraq, Sudan, Canada; three were 'lost at sea'. They came from all walks of life, from all over the Stocksfield area, with ages from 17 to 43; only a few were career servicemen.

11 men, not on the War Memorial but with local connections, were also found during the research. Others appear on one or more other local war memorials.

Sadly, I have been unable to definitively match a few WW1 names with the real people they commemorate: Robert Armstrong, Charles Richardson and James Wright. Also a Sergeant Buglass was mentioned at the memorial service at Stocksfield Baptist church in June 1915. If you have any information about any of these men, please contact me.

Once again, this year, following the Remembrance service at the War Memorial, there will be a presentation shown at SICA. If you have any relevant information please contact me at:

larainej@me.com or 01661 844874.

Laraine Judd



On **Sunday 14th November** (Remembrance Sunday) there will be a Remembrance service at Mickley Church with the two minute silence at 11 am. The names of those who gave their lives will be read out and the service will finish with the National Anthem and the Kohima Epitaph. Please note that facemasks are still required in church.



Sunday 5th December at 4 pm St John's

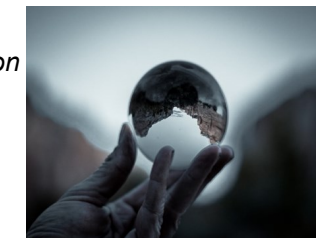
Family Christingle service followed by Christmas Tree lighting, carol singing, and mince pies (and other treats) & mulled wine plus Christmas raffle.

Come along as we begin to think about Christmas and enjoy some carol singing.



A prayer for the climate emergency:

*"Creator God, giver of life,
You sustain the earth and direct the nations.
In this time of climate crisis
grant us clarity to hear the groaning of creation
and the cries of the poor;
challenge us to change our lifestyles;
guide our leaders to take courageous action;
enable your church to be a beacon of hope;
and foster within us a renewed vision
of your purposes for your world;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by and for whom all things were made".
Amen.*



To hear this prayer read by the Archbishop of York, please go to:
[https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-and-statements/archbishop-shares-climate-prayer-mark-fifth-anniversary-paris?mc_cid=41d5d89eb8&mc_eid=\[4a72181c29\]](https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-and-statements/archbishop-shares-climate-prayer-mark-fifth-anniversary-paris?mc_cid=41d5d89eb8&mc_eid=[4a72181c29])

Great Flood - 1771

Flooding on the River Tyne is nothing new and this November is the 250th anniversary of the Great Flood of 1771. Of course there have been other devastating floods on the Tyne, several in recent decades but the 1771 flood remains in our folk memory.

A storm had raged through the district since Saturday and as dawn broke on Sunday 17th November the full devastation of the storm was revealed. On the River Tyne:

- ◆ only one bridge remained (at Corbridge).
- ◆ hundreds of animals drowned
- ◆ people's possessions floated towards the sea.
- ◆ ruined buildings littered the river banks.

The village of Bywell lost at least ten houses, six people died and bodies and coffins were torn out of the graveyard. Yet through all this horror and devastation some amazing stories emerged...

Sections of the Tyne Bridge at Newcastle and 3 arches of the arches of Elvet Bridge in Durham were washed away. The Tees valley was also badly affected with the loss of mills and houses; it was reported that the Tees was half a mile wide at Low Coniscliffe during the flood.

Local reports stated:

"Sunday morning, the 17th of November, about two o'clock, with the wind at East, the inhabitants of Newcastle upon Tyne were alarmed with the most dreadful inundation that ever befel that part of the country; the water in the Tyne rising six feet occasioned, as may be presumed, by an incessant fall of rain from Saturday morning to Sunday, which was particularly violent in the western parts of that county, and the county of Durham. The first dawn of day discovered a scene of horror and devastation, ... all the cellars, warehouses, shops, and lower apartments of the dwelling houses, from the West end of the Close to near Ouseburn, were totally under water. But what completed the public calamity was the fall of Tyne Bridge. ...The middle arch of Tyne Bridge, and two other arches near to the South side of the water, were carried away and seven houses with shops standing thereon, together with some of the inhabitants, with their whole stocks, overwhelmed, in immediate destruction."

(Extract from Garret, 1818)

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Tyne Bridge, Newcastle 1771

Nearer to home...

In Bywell ten houses were lost, and 6 people drowned, but there was one happy story to come out of the disaster. A small baby, Mary Leighton, in her cradle was swept out of her cottage and down the river as far as Tynemouth, where she was pulled from the waters, wet but still alive. The Parish Register records Mary Leighton as a witness to a wedding 20 years later.

Mr Fenwick's house (Bywell Hall) was flooded to a depth of 8 ft and the gardens and walls were destroyed. Mr Fenwick's stud was saved by bringing the horses into St Peter's, along with Mr Elliot's horse which apparently stood on the altar. The pews carried the marks of the horses holding onto them by their teeth for several years. Part of St Peter's church yard was swept away.

Most of the village of Styford, on the north banks of the Tyne, was also lost with some of the inhabitants relocating to Broomhaugh, Riding Mill.

Funds were raised across the region for the alleviation of distress – a total of £608.13.4d was paid out to those in Bywell who made claims

Sources: Wikipedia

A Pleasant Retreat by Robert Browell and Dennis Harding

Of course, the Tyne is well-used to flooding and perhaps 1953 and more recently 2015 come to mind, when houses at Bywell and Corbridge and the Rugby Club at Corbridge were badly affected but perhaps it was the damage to the Tyne and Elvet Bridges which mark 1771 as being of particular note.



Friends of Mickley Churchyard

We would love to make the churchyard as beautiful as it can be for the whole community to enjoy. If you are interested in helping us, please get in touch - just go to our Facebook page to 'Like' and 'Share'



<https://www.facebook.com/mickleychurchyard>

Stocksfield Golf Club

CAKES, COFFEE & CRAFTS

Wednesday

3rd November 2021



Raffle



**Cakes
&
Produce**



10.00 am - 12 noon
Free Entry & All Welcome

PRUDHOE WI BOOK CLUB

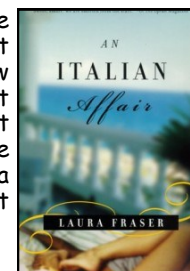


We are a small group of eight who meet once a month to talk about the book we have read during the previous month. The books are provided by the library, and we choose from a list they provide. We spend some time talking about the book and some time putting the world to rights, drinking tea or coffee and eating cake! We don't take ourselves too seriously.

The book we read in September was "An Italian Affair" by Laura Frazer. A true story about an American Writer, newly and unhappily divorced from her husband of two years. On holiday in Italy, trying to adjust to her new life, she meets a married, very laid-back French professor with whom she starts an affair. They continue to meet twice a year at various locations in the Mediterranean and America with no real expectations of being together on a permanent basis. Through these meetings he helps her to adjust, move on to her new life and be herself again.

The book was written in the third person which some people found strange, but apart from this it was easy to read but not a book you could not put down. We felt we did not know enough about the main characters to engage with them. It was more of a travelogue of the places where the lovers met than a romance which disappointed some - however the writer's descriptive powers were excellent, and we learnt a lot about the places they visited. The consensus was that it was a pleasant read - but not a really good read.

Averil Sherwin



A fair way to Christmas



To mark the launch of the 2021 Real Advent Calendar, the Meaningful Chocolate Company is offering free delivery to churches and schools if they buy a case of 18 calendars.

The Real Advent Calendar is designed to support outreach work, mission and is a great way to share the Christmas story. Each calendar includes a 24-page Christmas story activity book, the chocolate is Fairtrade, and it supports charitable causes including a baby clinic in Kenya and Fairtrade farmer community schemes.

Real Advent Calendars cost £4.50 each and are not available in supermarkets. There is a case discount and free delivery if buying at www.realadvent.co.uk

You can view a video of the Christmas story activity book at: <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas/products/real-advent-calendar>

Here we go.....

September marked the end of the summer agricultural show season for us. In a year of uncertainty we ended up still doing a lot of travelling, showcasing our cattle, winning some prizes and catching up with friends. But so much more on shows in future editions!

New life has been the theme in the last few weeks. We have seen 15 new Hereford calves arrive in a very short period of time. It's a case of being on-call 24/7 as cows choose to give birth at any time of day! We have cameras fitted in the sheds which link to our mobile phones and TV so we can keep an eye on them where ever we are. The majority give birth without assistance which is amazing to watch but like humans the odd one is breach or there is a problem so we have to intervene and assist with calving. It can be a tense few minutes making sure that we get a live calve....most of the time it's a good result but there are times when it's heart-breaking.

As with pedigree dogs, our pedigree cattle all have to be named! So imagine the debate when we have 15 calves to name!! This year the

Hereford Cattle Society are on the letter W for calves born in the period so we have a Walter, Windfall, William, Wisdom, Warrior and after a friend of ours Wagon Driver! They are all out in the field with their mothers now for a couple of weeks. If you are on the train between Stocksfield and Prudhoe you might get a sneak peek!



Di & Tom Harrison



Love your trees: 27th November – 5th December



National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year). This year, it runs from Saturday 27th November to Sunday 5th December. It is a good time to both celebrate your current trees, and to plant more trees in your area. You don't have to necessarily hug a tree to prove your

appreciation; there are plenty of other ways to support them. Visit:

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/>

Bishops demand climate action at COP26 Bishops join leaders of other major faiths to demand climate action at COP26 in Glasgow

Faith leaders have been joining together to demand climate action ahead of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow (1st - 12th November).

Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich, and lead Bishop on the Environment for the Church of England signed the letter alongside leaders of every major Christian denomination and representatives from Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh communities.

The declaration states: "We remind governments of their commitments made in Paris in 2015 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees, and of Article 17 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights to protect the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity.

"We call upon them to take the urgent action needed to avert the loss, damage, and forced migration threatened by climate change."

"Across our doctrinal and political differences, we know that we must change our ways to ensure a quality of life which all can share, and we need to provide hope for people of all ages, everywhere, including future generations."

"To offer hope in the world we need to have confidence that those in power understand the vital role they have to play at the Glasgow COP26."

The Glasgow Declaration pledges a response to the challenge set by the climate emergency through being "advocates for justice by calling on governments, businesses and others who exercise power and influence to put into effect the Paris agreement; to make the transition to a just and green economy a priority; and to commit to science-based targets that are aligned with a healthy, resilient, zero-emissions future."

COP 26 Vigil Monday 1st November, 7 pm St John's Garden



As the COP 26 conference gets underway in Glasgow in November, we invite you to a candlelit vigil in St John's 2020 Garden to pray for those gathering in Glasgow, for our earth, for our children and grandchildren, for all those places across our planet already suffering the effects of climate change. Please do come along and spread the word.

COP26: Climate Change - Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership



Northern, our local train operator who run on the Tyne Valley Line from Hexham to Carlisle are looking for opportunities to enhance the environment and reduce climate change. A newer fleet of trains is now in operation replacing the forty-year-old pacer trains previously in operation. The Government recognise travelling by train is now a more sustainable way to get around rather than driving alone in a private car.

Staff are actively encouraged to seek alternative solutions to reduce pollution and waste, and there are employee schemes to reduce energy consumption including, lighting refurbishment and energy efficient driving techniques. The disposal of waste is always an issue for customers and employees, with an aim to improve recycling facilities both behind the scenes and in stations. Northern regard the stations to be the gateways to their communities and want to improve the facilities wherever possible.

Locally, all stations along the line have a Station Adoption team who are clearing and replanting flower beds, while at Haltwhistle their Station Adoption group are making a large rectangular box which will become a bug hotel. The charity Journey have offered to make individual boxes which will fit inside the box and make individual hotel rooms. The idea being each school or group which visits the Education Office in Haltwhistle Station can fill the box with suitable material for an insect and bring it to the hotel.

The Waiting Rooms at Haltwhistle are currently being refurbished and will be used by small businesses as offices or studios. Thus, abandoned buildings are given a new life. Solar panels are being installed on the roofs to help supply electricity to the buildings.

At Hexham, the planters now contain herbs, provided by Edible Hexham, and customers are invited to take some herbs with them.

Stocksfield, are working with the Bee Friendly Trust, a charity which gives advice on which plants are required to attract pollinators. Working with Broomley First School, designs are being drawn up for a new mural at the station to remind people of the importance of bees. Watch this space!

Finally, at Wylam the Brownies and Guides are now the Station Adopters and they are planning to make a statue of a seal which is often seen in the river near the station. This will be made of recycled plastic materials.

Have a look at Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership website (www.tvcrp.org.uk) or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn by searching for TVCRP.

Prudhoe Space for Nature

If you are concerned about the lack of biodiversity in the UK and further afield and want to help address it locally, *Prudhoe Space for Nature* might be part of the answer.



This new initiative aims to identify, create and maximise the opportunities for nature and wildlife in our town and immediate local area. Many of us are aware of local spaces, large and small, where more might be done – or not done! – to increase the number and range of plant and tree species to help pollinators and other wildlife. *Prudhoe Space for Nature* (PS4N) wants to put local people interested in and concerned about this aspect of our local environment in touch with one another to share ideas and support for just such local projects.

Local projects like this can be highly effective. You may know about *Hexham Space for Nature* (HS4N) and the range of projects with which it is involved - from planting wildflower plugs on the Sele to creating a meadow opposite Hexham Cemetery. Hexham residents have achieved a great deal in less than two years - and we can too. HS4N have had very positive support from Northumberland County Council for both present and future projects. While *Prudhoe Space for Nature* (PS4N) will have its own distinct projects identified by local people, we will be able to liaise with the Council in a similar way because our aims are the same as those of HS4N in terms of increasing opportunities for nature and wildlife in our local open spaces, parks and gardens.



Prudhoe Space for Nature (PS4N) and *Hexham Space for Nature* (HS4N) are both part of *Transition Tynedale* (TT) which supports and encourages local projects to tackle global problems. The advantage of being part of TT is that it provides both practical support, e.g. risk-management insurance for local projects, and a link with the international Transition movement which is about communities across the world stepping up to address global challenges by taking action locally in whichever ways are appropriate to them.

If you are interested in finding out more about *Prudhoe Space for Nature* or have any questions, please email prudhoespace4nature@gmail.com

Many thanks!

Jane Kysow and Kathy Clegg

Useful links:

[Transition Tynedale – local solutions to global problems](#)

[Hexham Space For Nature – Transition Tynedale](#)

Prudhoe Space for Nature aims to create and maximise the opportunities for wildlife and nature in the town's parks, open spaces and gardens, and is part of *Transition Tynedale*, which encourages local projects to tackle global problems.

Please Note:

- This is not a U3a group - anyone from Prudhoe or surrounding areas, who has an interest in improving green spaces, increasing biodiversity, attracting pollinators etc is encouraged to sign up.
- That no regular commitment of time or effort is expected - just general support for PS4N projects (we have already identified 3 small sites around the Waterworld area which might be suitable for wildflowers etc). Any relevant local or technical knowledge would be most welcome.

If you are interested, please contact Jane on prudhoespace4nature@gmail.com

The Future is Happening Here

Twenty-five years ago I was a young geology graduate just a few years into a career in the energy sector, which at that time meant leaving the north east and almost certainly taking up a role in the hydrocarbon industry. Renewable energy at scale still seemed a distant prospect. Indeed, it wasn't until 2000 that the UK's first offshore wind farm demonstrator was commissioned, offshore of Blyth, Northumberland.

It's hard to believe the pace of change since then: that original demonstrator comprised two 2 MegaWatt (MW) turbines (4MW in total). There are now 2,292 offshore turbines in the UK, producing a total of 10,400 MW (10.4 GW) with a plan for producing 40,000 MW (40GW) by 2030. If you haven't already done so, take a look at the websites for Hornsea, Sofia and Dogger Bank windfarms and their staggering scale.

Dogger Bank (currently being developed) will be operated from the Tyne and be the largest wind farm in the world, expected to produce enough electricity to power 6 million homes using turbines with blades which are twice the span of the Angel of the North. (doggerbank.com)

I find this tremendously exciting. The UK is showing what can be done in the way of harnessing offshore wind and the north east is at the very front of that, creating skilled, rewarding and sustainable careers for future generations and exporting technology and expertise literally around the world. Blyth, incidentally, still houses the UK's Leading Technology, Innovation & Research Centre for Offshore Renewable Energy (ore.catapult.org.uk).

Even before the current sky-rocketing gas prices, a UK government report in 2020 showed that electricity generated from offshore wind would soon cost less than half the price of electricity from gas-fired power stations to produce. When you next look to switch your energy supplier it's worth considering a green, renewables tariff. Not only is it protecting the planet but it's one way to support this burgeoning sector and the new industrial future for this region.

If you follow energy in the news at all you might also have heard frequent mention of hydrogen. While electrification is the main way of cleaning up our energy systems, hydrogen is being investigated as a portable fuel for things like lorries or ships which can't be plugged into the grid and would need unfeasibly large batteries to power them, also for domestic heating which has been developed around traditional boilers and a gas grid.

The advantage of burning hydrogen is that it releases no CO₂ during combustion. But where does the hydrogen come from? At the moment it is often produced from hydrocarbons and carbon dioxide is released in the process. 'Green hydrogen' (not coloured green but produced without releasing carbon dioxide!) could potentially be generated by using the surplus electricity from wind-farms and splitting water (H₂O) into hydrogen and oxygen by electrolysis, either in vast facilities onshore, or on a small scale at the bottom of each turbine out at sea. Research into this is being pioneered at the existing Hornsea wind farm and Gigastack project further down the north east coast.

Cont...

Hydrogen will be the fuel behind the Hydrogen Transport Hub being developed in the Tees Valley but is also being put to the test much closer to home. Winlaton, Gateshead, became the first community in the UK to have hydrogen blended with the domestic gas supply. 600 houses, a school and several small businesses have been using a mains gas supply with up to 20% hydrogen (by volume) since August this year, building on an earlier study off-grid. Apparently before the emergence of North Sea natural gas, domestic gas produced in the UK from coal did contain up to 60% hydrogen (by volume) and in some parts of Europe hydrogen is still present in large proportions. You can read more about this here: hydeploy.co.uk

Also in Gateshead, Northern Gas Networks have built two 'Hydrogen Houses' to showcase zero-emission, gas-fuelled home of the future. These opened in July and you can arrange a visit to see them for yourselves.

Of course, the main energy source people associate with the north east has always been coal – there's a reason 'taking coals to Newcastle' has slipped into the language. But even that legacy of coalmining is giving rise to new energy opportunities being pioneered here. It might not feel it to you or me but the water flowing through abandoned mine-workings is several degrees warmer than water at ground level and by pumping this water to the surface we can extract the heat and use it for heating buildings. This has been going on for commercial buildings for several years now and is being scaled up by the Coal Authority and Gateshead council to heat hundreds of homes in the town – surely this is something that could be rolled out widely across the north giving so much of our communities are built over coal-fields?

Huge technological and behavioural challenges remain to delivering the sustainable energy future needed to stave off the worst of the climate crisis. There is a whole lot more going on both in the region as well as nationally and internationally to tackle them and the sense of urgency has never been greater. But sometimes it's encouraging to look back and realise quite how much progress there has been in recent years; what seemed improbable has become routine and there is potential for so much more if we all get behind and support it. Things which seemed prohibitively expensive or impractical in the beginning can, with determination and investment, become mainstream and indeed an export opportunity to the wider world.

Abby French



At the time of writing, there are 75 'sleeps' before Christmas!!

We would love to include some of your Christmas memories, so please put pen to paper and send them in to me by November 9th.

TIA - Joy M



By the Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the C of E.

How to tell your life story – and how to make changes to it

Ever wondered how to tell the story of all the ways God has been at work in your life, maybe through many decades?

Or have you struggled with your life story, looking to rewrite the narrative and bring a change of direction?

Two British writers – one a professional communicator and journalist, the other a psychologist, actor and priest – have been tackling these issues in newly-published books.

Corporate communicator and blogger Kate Nicholas has written 'Soul's Scribe,' (Authentic) a guide to help Christians 'connect their story with God's narrative' and communicate their journey of faith in an honest, engaging way.

Kate, formerly international communications director for World Vision, firmly believes that every Christian has a 'soul story' to tell. She encourages her readers to explore how they have experienced God in the 'different chapters' of their lives.

'Soul's Scribe' is both a helpful guide for any Christian wanting to share their testimony in an engaging, insightful way, and also a tool for reflection, as readers look back over their lives and see where God has been at work.

In contrast, André Radmall, a psychologist and trained actor, who is also a Church of England priest, has written 'Get Unstuck: Change the Script, Change your Life' (Rethink Press) as a way of helping people understand the narrative they tell about their lives – and seek to change it.

André, a minister in St Albans, Herts, says: "I'm aiming to give a practical roadmap for people to change the scripts that block their way to freedom and allow them to step into the performance of their lives."

The book, aimed at a broad readership beyond churchgoers, is structured in three 'acts,' and focussed on understanding the current 'story' we tell about ourselves, rehearsing new stories, and then putting them into action.

Two books. Two different perspectives. But both are rooted in the writers' commitment to help people understand their lives, and the stories they have to tell.

God is at work in all our lives. Sometimes we need to stop, take a breath... and see what the Almighty is seeking to do in and through us, in this season of our lives. Maybe even today.

All in the month of NOVEMBER.....

It was:

200 years ago, on 11th Nov 1821 that Fyodor Dostoevsky, the Russian novelist, short story writer and journalist was born. Best known for his novel Crime and Punishment.

150 years ago, on 10th Nov 1871 that Welsh journalist and explorer Henry Morton Stanley located the missing missionary and explorer Dr David Livingstone near Lake Tanganyika in present-day Tanzania. He might or might not have greeted him with the words: "Doctor Livingstone, I presume?"

100 years ago, on 11th Nov 1921 that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.

90 years ago, on 30th Nov 1931 that the Crystal Palace in London was destroyed by fire.

80 years ago, on 13th Nov 1941 that the British aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean Sea near Gibraltar. It sank the following day.

65 years ago, on 5th Nov 1956 that Premium Bonds went on sale in the UK. They were designed to encourage people to save, and they offered cash prizes instead of interest.

40 years ago, on 12th Nov 1981 that the US Space Shuttle Columbia was launched on its second flight into space, becoming the world's first reusable manned spacecraft.

30 years ago on 18th Nov 1991 that the Church of England envoy Terry Waite and American educator Thomas Sutherland were released by Islamic Jihad in Lebanon after being held hostage since January 1987 and June 1985 respectively.

25 years ago, on 30th Nov 1996 that England officially returned the Stone of Scone to Scotland after 700 years. It was the coronation stone of the Scottish and (later) English and British monarchs. Scotland agreed to loan the Stone to Westminster Abbey for future coronations.

20 years ago, on 29th Nov 2001 that George Harrison, British rock guitarist, singer and songwriter with the Beatles, died.

15 years ago, on 13th Nov 2006 that Google acquired the video -sharing site YouTube.

From the Easy OJs

Following on from last month's Apple Chutney recipe another use for apples while there are lots around. I try to make it around half term and put it aside until Christmas – just make sure the jars are well sealed. It makes a lovely juicy boozy mincemeat. I've had the recipe for years so I apologise for the non-metric measures

MINCEMEAT

12 oz cooking apples	3 oz butter
6 oz sultanas	6 oz soft brown sugar
4 oz seedless raisins	1/8 pint cider
4 oz currants	2 tbspn golden syrup
2 oz glace cherries cut up in smaller pieces	2 tbspn brandy
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon	
2 oz chopped mixed peel	
1 level tspn each of ground cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and mace	

Bring the cider to the boil.

Add the other ingredients except the brandy

Simmer gently for 20-25-minutes, stirring occasionally (watch it doesn't catch you need to cook it very gently)

Cool for a few minutes then add the brandy

Pack in clean warm jars

Store in a cool dry place



Prudhoe & District u3a



Now that restrictions are lifting, our regular monthly meetings are being held in Prudhoe Parish Hall and are hybrid meetings, i.e. some members will meet in the hall whilst others will be welcome to join the meeting on ZOOM. For details on how to join our meetings (both physically and via ZOOM) please contact u3a.prudhoe@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is on Monday 29th November at 10 a.m. when Tim Dyke will talk about Thomas Hardy and his three loves.

There is no monthly meeting in December. Our first monthly meeting of 2022 will be on 31st January when Geoff Hughes will give a presentation on "Famous people who made the Northeast great".

We look forward to welcoming current members, former members, new members and visitors to our meetings. Full membership is £15.00. Please check our "shiny new" website for more information

<http://u3asites.org.uk/prudhoe>



PRUDHOE WI

Wednesday, November 17th at 7.00pm,
Prudhoe Parish Hall

Speakers - "THE TRIO"

"Battling Brambles & Bureaucracy"

Come along and join us
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Stocksfield Plants & Gardens Society

Tuesday 16th November 7.15pm for 7.30pm

Speaker - Sean Murray
'The Chelsea Garden Challenge'

All events are currently planned to be on Zoom and are open to non-members, priced £3 – contact Sue Sinclair on:
stocksfieldpg@gmail.com

Alternatively, as a member of Stocksfield Community Association (£9 individual; £12 joint via www.stocksfieldca.org.uk), you can join the Society for a year's worth of events and activities for just £3 individual; £5 joint (via www.stocksfieldplantsandgardens.co.uk).



STOCKSFIELD LOCAL
HISTORY SOCIETY

Stocksfield Local History Society

Stocksfield Methodist Church
Mount View Terrace,
Stocksfield

Wednesday November 10th, 7.30pm

Bamburgh Bowl Hole cemetery: Death & Migration
During Northumbria's Golden Age

Speaker - Graeme Young

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME - £3.00

Puzzle Solutions



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Marriage

Married at St Peter's church
on Saturday October 2nd

Daniel Patrick Morris
&
Caitlin Jessica Stone

May your marriage be blessed with love, joy and happiness.

Anniversary of Baptisms for November

We pray for the following children, the anniversary of whose baptism falls this month, and also for their parents and godparents.

2016 Reggie Miles Johnson
2016 Francesca Jane Soulsby
2016 Felix Sebastian Soulsby
2016 Benjamin William Barker
2019 Ivy Jay Louisa Finn

Year's Mind for November

This list of names of the deceased is compiled from church registers.

Families or friends of those who have died ask for their loved ones to be commemorated on the anniversary of their death.

In addition to being published on this list, these names are also included in prayers at the main service the week before the date falls.

If you would like a loved one commemorated in this way, please contact any Churchwarden.

3rd	David Hugh Hopkins	19th	George Brumwell Simpson
4th	William Batey	19th	James Thompson
4th	Doris Irene Maycock	19th	John Joseph Jewitt
5th	Sheila Johnston	19th	Patricia Maud (Pat) Stuart
7th	Christopher Bray	20th	Dorothy (Dot) Young
8th	Muriel Pengilly	22nd	Joseph Kirkley
8th	Myra Simpson Middleton	23rd	Hilda Isabel Wright
13th	Jean Rutherford	24th	Roy Nicholson Beech
14th	William Alan Dobson	24th	Geoff Fish
17th	Collingwood Coulson	25th	Ivy Mary (Robbie) Prockter
18th	Edward Wardle	26th	Lewis Barker
18th	Eunice Johnston	27th	Thomas Heslop
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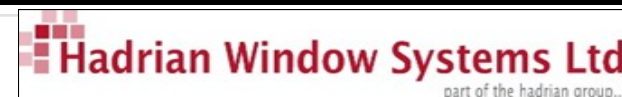


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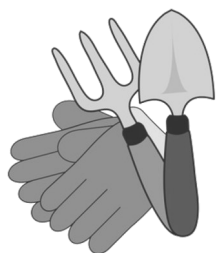
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