

Week by week we pray for the residents of all areas within the parishes of Bywell & Mickley, and for local businesses and schools.

In June we are praying for:

The residents of Tynedale Gardens, Welton Close, Birkdene, Halton Close
 Tyne Valley Garden Centre
 Businesses at Jiggery Pokery
 Businesses at Bearl Farm, Stocksfield Hall and Bywell Home Farm
 North Acomb Farm Shop & Wheelbirks

CHURCH OPENING:

St Peter's is open Thursday to Sunday 10 am - 3 pm

St John's is open every day

St George's is open at service times and by arrangement

In a busy world, our churches offer us a space; a moment of calm and quietness in which to draw breath and collect our thoughts. Many people enjoy walking, and do so around Bywell, so do go into the church, take a moment...

Similarly, why not visit St George's and enjoy the peace of our churchyards - or sit in the garden at St John's.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

SUNDAY	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE
Sun June 2	St Peter's	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun June 2	St George's	11.00 am	Service of the Word
Sun June 2	St John's	4.00 pm	First @ Four
Wed June 5	St John's	3.00 pm	Holy Communion
Sun June 9	St John's	10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion*
Wed June 12	St John's	3.00 pm	Holy Communion
Sun June 16	St Peter's	9.30 am	Service of the Word
Sun June 16	St George's	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wed June 19	St John's	3.00 pm	Holy Communion
Sun June 23	St Johns	10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion *
Wed June 26	St John's	3.00 pm	Holy Communion
Sun June 30	St Peter's	10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion, Petertide

* "Coffee & Cake" are served in the church hall after **Sunday** services at St John's

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Stocksfield Church of England
 Bywell St Peter Mickley St George Stocksfield St John
June 2024

If you have ever seen churchwardens on a formal occasion, you will have noticed they carry wooden poles, sometimes called staves or prodders; surmounted by a bishop's mitre, or a royal crown, made of brass or silver. They date from the time when churchwardens represented the Church and the State. Historically prodders were used, a bit like a police truncheon, to keep order in church and churchyards if people got unruly, especially during services. We don't need to do that in 2024!

However our staves will probably make an appearance on July 15th at the licensing service of Rev Simon Grundy, our new Priest-in-Charge in the Benefice of Bywell & Mickley.

We are delighted that Simon and his family will be joining us here in our churches and in the community.

We are looking forward to Simon leading and guiding us on our journey of faith.

On the official notice of his appointment issued by Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle Simon writes:

"I am looking forward to following God's call to become part of and to shepherd the Stocksfield church family, as we travel together on the continuing journey of faith and love with Jesus. I am excited as to how the Spirit will lead us into continual growth as we seek to be open to and share God's love with our communities as a welcoming, thriving church family for all, in the Benefice of Bywell & Mickley and beyond."

My Favourite Hymn...

Every so often we ask for a favourite, much loved, hymn from someone in our congregation.

The following has been chosen by a member of our Rose Tree family, with a very poignant explanation of why it has been selected.

Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven

*"This is a favourite hymn of mine.
It says everything I want to say to God.
I listen to it often.
God is always there, listening to me."*

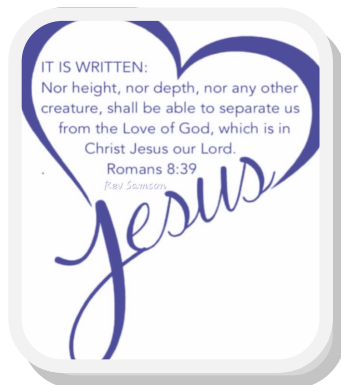


Sunday 2nd June, 4 pm at St John's.

The service this month is called "Many Tongues" and has the theme of a special promise kept, Pentecost, what it was, did and encouraged.

There will be stories, songs, a snack, prayers and activities, with something to take away. The service will last about 45 minutes. Everyone (0-80yrs) is welcome at this service. Always good fun.

First @ Four



Quote For June...

Every act formed by charity is revelation of God. Every word of truth and love, every hand extended in kindness, echoes in a life of the Trinity.

Gabriel Moran Roman Catholic theologian

Prayer for June

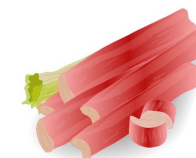
Let us praise the Father, who shows us, of his grace,
the secret paths of science, the mastery of space,
the wonder of the radio, of TV, cars and trains,
for man made these, but God made man,
and God gave man his brains.

Lesbia Scott

Selena's Rhubarb Flapjack

(by popular demand after sampling after church)

1 large or 2 small sticks of rhubarb
6oz/150g butter or margarine
8oz/200g brown sugar
6 oz/150g self-raising flour
1 egg
2 oz/50g oats
1tsp baking powder
pinch salt



Grease and line a rectangular tin like a Swiss roll tin
Oven GM4/180C or 350F

Thinly slice then stew the rhubarb with 1tbspn of water until it is a soft puree. Put to one side.

In a separate pan, melt the butter and sugar together.

Add melted butter/sugar to the dry ingredients and egg and mix with a wooden spoon.

Once thoroughly mixed, stir in the rhubarb puree.

Transfer into the greased tin and bake for 20 mins until golden.

Mark into squares or slices while still warm then let it cool and separate the slices.

Enjoy :-)

(Instead of rhubarb you could substitute 8oz/200g sultanas or other dry fruit - we just happen to prefer the sweet, sticky rhubarb option.)



As mentioned at our benefice APCM, our parishes have both now registered with the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). The scheme is run through Newcastle Diocese and whilst new to us, it has been in operation elsewhere since 2008. It is a secure and simple way of giving to church on a regular monthly

basis (or quarterly/annually). If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid, PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it back to church, simplifying the Gift Aid claim process for our churches. More information will be shared during the summer months and we hope this is something you could possibly consider opting in to.
Thank you
Bywell & Mickley PCC