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# CONTACT

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## From the Manse

Today, I have been reading some of the lovely feedback left on Heaton Festival's Facebook page, and I am sure you would like to read it too:

Such a happy, relaxed and well organised festival. Well done to everyone who played a part in putting it all together

Great day, massive success & so busy. Thanks to all the organisers

Great event xxx fantastic to see so many people out xxx well done to the organisers

Of course the success of the Festival is not just down to the committee who lay the plans in the months beforehand, but also the volunteers who turn out on the day, as the organisers are quick to acknowledge:

I just want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers from the Heaton Churches Together! From the people who baked, photocopied, shopped, created art and organised before the day; to the people who were there on the day putting up gazebos, stewarding, serving tea and cake, listening, driving, carrying, litter picking, photographing and generally helping out; to the last few people who were there till after 10 returning chairs and tables to the correct churches, getting everything out of the park and leaving the park clean and tidy for the next day. We can only bless our beautiful community with this event because of all of you.

Along with our friend John Smee, I was responsible for coordinating artists and groups who performed on the Festival stages. Like many other volunteers, I was tied to one spot and couldn't see much of what was going on elsewhere in the park, but there were certainly more people in front of the main stage across the day than in 2017. After what felt like a frantic run-up, I'm glad the performers felt it had gone well and they had had a good day:

Thank you so much for having me perform yesterday at the festival, it was such a brilliant day and so well organised

Thanks to all at the Festival, another great day. The organisation was excellent, the sound and stage crew were brilliant. Perfect. Wish we were doing it today as well.

Thanks for having us - what a fantastic day!

There is one true test of mission: not your budget, not the number of people you attract, not column inches in the press, or shares on social media. No, the true test of mission is the questions it raises: "who are you?" and "why do you do this?" Many people asked us those questions on the day of the Festival. Everyone enjoys a sunny day; what makes people give up the chance of a day of relaxing in the sun, to put on a free event for 15,000 people in their local park? As always for Christians, the answer is, "Jesus."

We had decided in advance to give our Christian faith a higher profile at this year's Festival. We added a fourth stage, where Christian performers played and sang. I also made a special point of using announcements between bands on the main stage to remind the crowd that the Festival was organised by local churches, and that every volunteer on-site was a Christian. I explained that we put on the festival as a gift to our community, because we want everyone to see the love of Jesus in action.

That, in a sense, was the easy bit. From this day onwards, we all have the same responsibility to capitalise on the work we did together to make the Festival happen: to prove to everyone we meet that the love of God is real, and the answer to all our questions is Jesus.

Your friend in Christ, *Grant*

## Church Meeting Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 am.

At our Church Meeting in October, we will be electing people to fill a number of positions within the church as we seek to carry out God's work in this place. Each of these posts is an important part of our life and work here. May I encourage you to start praying NOW about them? If God puts a name into your prayers, please approach that person and encourage them to pray about it too. Don't leave it till the last minute! We know that people have numerous gifts to offer. Or other people might recognise gifts in you which you had not considered.

The October/November issue of Contact will contain the "job descriptions" for the various tasks but if you would like to know more before that, please contact either Grant, myself, or Tony Hall, Assistant Secretary. Or any of the Development Elders. (Sharon, Judith, Alison, Tony, Babs, Sandra, or Solomon)

Any new Pastoral Elders or Visitors will need to have a DBS check carried out (Disclosure and Barring) to comply with our current Church Safeguarding Policy. This can be done with either Dorothy Coates or Dorothy Barker, who are our church Verifiers and who will explain the whole process. The DBS check for volunteers is free.

Also in accordance with our Safeguarding policy, a Safe Recruitment Process will apply in the recruitment of volunteers to undertake work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The following people will be eligible for re-election if they so wish: the posts are also open to interested individuals. To be an Elder you will need to be a Church member. The length of appointment is in brackets.

Pastoral Elders:(3 years) Lucy Dixon; Anne Clough

Development Elders: (3 years) Sharon Cowey, Tony & Babs Hall; Sandra Nossiter; Alison Hall; Alphonsi Solomon.

Gift Aid Secretary (3 years) Dorothy Coates.

Assistant Church Treasurer (2 years) Anthony Armstrong

Freewill Offering Organiser: (2 years) Anthony Armstrong

Social Functions Convenor: (3 years) Marina Dodgson

Finance Committee: (2 years) Anthony Armstrong; Bob Renton

Property Committee: (2 years) Steve Cowey; Val Kane; Dorothy Coates.

Flower Secretary: (2 years) Lesley Cadwallader

Cradle Roll Secretary: (2 years) Babs Hall

Contact Editor ( 2 years): Sandra Nossiter

Web Master (2 years) :Alan Barker

- If anyone can help with the computer setting up and operating each week, as part of a team, see Stewart Barclay.

St George's greatly appreciates all our volunteer helpers. Without your help, good will and diligence, many jobs would not be done around the church. THANK YOU.

## Pulpit Supply Secretary

This involves arranging a rota for Praise worship leaders, and booking preachers to lead our Traditional worship at 11 am, when Grant is at St Cuthbert's. In previous years this has increasingly devolved to the Church Secretary **but it is time now for someone else to take this on.** *I have asked for help at Church Meeting before but was not successful* It does not have to be done by an Elder, but it needs to be someone who can send and receive emails- it is much quicker (and cheaper) to contact people this way. There is only one person who comes to preach here who needs a "snail mail" letter as he is not on email. Most churches have a Pulpit Secretary who is NOT the Church Secretary.

There is some demand in the synod for preachers to lead worship, as there are several ministerial vacancies and some uncertainty due to plans for working in groups. So I tend to work well in advance,- booking mainly retired ministers about 10 months in advance of their dates. It is no good, for instance, in asking someone to preach about a month before a particular date. He/she will be booked up. It is possible to work through the dates methodically.

I am happy to work with someone for several months, and I will be around for you to answer queries. If you'd like to know more- just have a chat with me.

Dorothy B

## **New baby**

Dear Family and Friends,

Just to let you all know that on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 16.50 we welcomed our precious daughter Emmie Louise, weighing a healthy 7 lbs 6 oz.

We want to give God all the glory for our little miracle baby. It is always in His perfect timing that He gives us good gifts and prepares something in us that we wouldn't otherwise have.

Phil and I would also like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and congratulations, we are very grateful.



Thank you.

Lots of love,

Lucy & Phil

## **Prostate Cancer UK 26 mile Walk**

On 5th and 6th September 2019, Matthew and I will take part in Sky Sports Jeff Stelling's March for Men in Glasgow and Belfast in aid of PROSTATE CANCER UK.

We are doing this to raise as much money as possible to help fund further research into ways of diagnosing prostate cancer more accurately and at an earlier stage, allowing more men to be effectively treated, live longer and help families stay together.

We are also doing these marches in memory of Dad who we lost to metastatic prostate cancer just over four years ago. The marches in Glasgow and Belfast will be like Matthew and I retracing the steps of the majority of Dad's football career. It will no doubt be an emotional journey with Matthew and I visiting so many places that Dad and I spent so much time at together.

On Thursday 5th September 2019 we will do a 26-mile walk in Glasgow (Dad's home city). We will start at Hampden Park (Scotland's national stadium and home of Queens Park FC) to Ibrox Park (Home of Rangers FC) to Celtic Park (Home of Celtic FC) to New Douglas Park (Home of Hamilton Academical FC) and finally to Fir Park (Home of Motherwell FC). Dad was a professional footballer who started his career at Hamilton Accies in 1961, before playing in England (Scunthorpe Utd) for a few years and then moved back to Scotland (St. Mirren) and played at all the stadia we will visit on the Glasgow walk. We also have memorial bricks at Ibrox for five generations of our family who have all supported Rangers.

Then on Friday 6th September 2019 we will do a 26-mile walk in Belfast (Dad's adopted home where he lived for nearly 50 years and where Matthew and I were both born). Again, all the stadia we visit on the Belfast march have connections with Dad, and probably even stronger than the Glasgow connection. The walk starts at Seaview (Home of Crusaders FC and the last club Dad managed), to Solitude (Home of Cliftonville FC who Dad played for and managed), then on to The Oval (Home of Glentoran FC the club Dad first joined when he moved to Belfast and where he won nearly every honour in Irish League Football) and then to finish at Windsor Park (Northern Ireland's national stadium, home of Linfield FC and the venue for the 1979 Irish Cup Final, one of Dad's proudest sporting moments).

If you would like to support us and PROSTATE CANCER UK, please visit our JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jdh68> and your donation will go directly to PROSTATE CANCER UK, or if you prefer your donation can be passed to me and I will load it as an offline donation and personally forward it to PROSTATE CANCER UK.

John Hutton

## Points to Ponder

- Relationships these days are harder because conversations become texting, arguments become phone calls, and feelings become status updates. *Simple reminders.com*
- Practise the pause. When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause. When tired, pause. When stressed, pause. And when you pause, pray.
- Contentment is the greatest treasure; health is the greatest possession; confidence is the greatest friend.
- Tell someone you love them today. Because tomorrow is not promised.
- If you love a person, you accept the total person. With all the defects. Because those defects are a part of the person. Never try to change a person you love, because the very effort to change says that you love half and the other half is not accepted. When you love, you simply love.
- Too often we argue about Christianity instead of marvelling at Jesus.
- Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. *Desmond Tutu.*
- Focus on what God called you to do, not what people think God called you to do. *Carey Nieuwhof.*
- A healthy relationship must ultimately be based on trust. To build trust, you always keep your word. You remain consistent and dependable in everything you say and do. You become the kind of team player who is utterly reliable in every situation. You never do or say anything that can shake this foundation of trust upon which a healthy relationship is built. *Simplereminders.com*
- No one is going to stand up at your funeral and say, "She had a really expensive couch and great shoes". Don't make your life about stuff.
- Anxiety isn't weakness. Living with anxiety, turning up and doing stuff with anxiety, takes a strength most will never know.
- Keep your chin up. No one expected you to save the world, other wise you would have been born with a cape and tights. Just do the best you can.
- There is no more dangerous place for a Christian to be than in safety and comfort, detached from the suffering of others. *Clergy Coaching Network*

# **Shoppers are demanding sustainable options - are companies getting on board?**

*by Kelly Hawrylyshyn*

More and more of us are expressing our values through our everyday shopping. We increasingly demand more information about what goes into our food and other purchases, where they come from and how they are made.

Brands are responding with a bewildering range of labels and claims from organic to vegan, from ‘sustainably sourced’ to ‘cruelty free’, on everything from ice cream to hand cream.

It is a good time to look at which ethical and sustainability considerations are most important for consumers. What do shoppers want to know? Are they influenced by companies’ sustainability claims? And as consumers ourselves, do our choices really make a difference?

## **Environmental impact and fair wages are top of mind for shoppers**

According to new research across 5,000 consumers in France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK, the vast majority of us takes sustainability into account when shopping for everyday products such as food, drinks, and cosmetics.

The survey was commissioned by a consortium of fair trade and ethical fashion organisations, including Fairtrade International, as part of the European Union-funded project Trade Fair, Live Fair.

Nearly four in ten consumers said their top priority is that food and drink is produced in a way that doesn’t harm the environment, while just under a third prioritised paying workers a fair, living wage and ensuring that animals are not harmed during production.

Overall, when asked to choose from seven possible sustainability attributes that also included local or organic production, recyclable packaging and safe working conditions, only nine percent of those surveyed said none of the issues were important to them.

The survey reveals interesting differences between countries. Germans rated animal friendly production and being locally grown as the top two priorities (45 and 38 percent respectively), while UK consumers rated environmentally friendly production and recyclable packaging the highest (37 percent each), while locally grown was less important (17 percent).

## **Consumers demand more transparency and want companies to tackle global issues**

Despite these different priorities, it’s clear that overall, consumers want to know what brands are doing to make a difference, both within their own supply chains and globally.

Three-quarters of all respondents wanted food companies to say where the ingredients in their products come from, and a similar number wanted to know how their food is produced. Sixty-one percent look for information about how food companies protect workers’ human rights.

The European findings are echoed in a global study by Accenture of 35,000 people in 35 countries which reveals that two-thirds of consumers make decisions about what to buy based on a company's transparency. Sixty-two percent want companies to have ethical values and demonstrate authenticity.

Respondents to the Trade Fair, Live Fair survey placed even stronger emphasis on brands taking action on key global challenges, including protecting the environment (88 percent citing it as important), tackling climate change (85 percent), global poverty (84 percent) and gender inequality (77 percent).

### **Trust is key to drive a cycle of increasing sustainability**

The research highlights consumers' desire for transparency, which leads to trust. Companies need to back up their sustainability claims, for example by being independently certified. A recent GlobeScan survey of more than 9,000 consumers in eight countries, including the biggest markets in the world, showed that 85 percent of those who recognise the Fairtrade label trust it, and 69 percent said the label makes it easy for them to decide whether a product is responsibly produced.

The good news is that when people vote with their wallets, companies get the message and respond. Last year, the Dutch supermarket Coop switched entirely to Fairtrade bananas. The German retailer Lidl did the same across several European countries. Nespresso has also expanded its Fairtrade sourcing, and UK supermarket chain Waitrose has committed to using all Fairtrade cocoa in its own-brand confectionery products by the end of 2019. Brands can and will do more when the demand is there.

Governments also have a big part to play, more than 70 percent of the shoppers surveyed in the Trade Fair, Live Fair research said law makers must do more to support sustainable consumption.

Consumers are making informed choices about everyday shopping. Governments, backed by public pressure, are playing a stronger policy role. Businesses are cleaning up their supply chains and offering more sustainable options. Through this virtuous cycle we, consumers, companies, civil society and governments, can all help drive progress towards fairer trade and a more sustainable future for all of us, especially for farmers and workers. A decent living. Safe working conditions where human rights are respected for all. Environmental protection. Climate resilience.

*Kelly Hawrylyshyn is the Senior Advisor, Global Resource Mobilization at Fairtrade International. The Trade Fair, Live Fair project, funded by the European Union, joins the collective forces of 21 organisations and certification schemes working on fair trade and ethical fashion, including Fairtrade International, to make progress on sustainable production and consumption (SDG12). The opinions expressed here are the sole responsibility of Fairtrade International and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union.*

**From the Fairtrade Blog, May 2019**

## **A New Member of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team**

Poppy Jingles is the newest member of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team and works across the Newcastle upon Tyne NHS Trust hospitals- the Freeman and RVI.

Poppy Jingles is a brown and white Spaniel, and is a “Staff Welfare Hound” . Her role is to provide support to the staff by visiting them in non- clinical areas. She makes people smile, her presence relaxes stressed out staff and brings something a bit special to staff’s working days. The fact that she has bookings for a variety of team and department meetings already in her diary until October is testament to the work she is doing among us. She comes into hospital about once a week.

You might wonder why patients are not able to benefit from a visit of an animal as it could brighten their day, and enhance physical well being. Infection control prevents animals being taken up to the wards, but when a patient is or has been very ill and is deeply missing a pet, it has been possible for the chaplains to arrange their pets visit- when the patient is taken to see the animal off ward.

The hospital staff do their jobs day in and day out, often facing angry or upset patients or relatives- and they too are looked after pastorally by the chaplains. To relieve their stress is very important – and Poppy can help to do that. When staff are relaxed they can talk about their day, and what is important to them.

Psalm 147: 9 tells us that God is concerned for all His creation, including the animals He created. We can take from scripture that if God takes care of animals, so should we. Animals are not only God’s creatures, but also a great blessing to us. Those of us who have pets should love them, provide for them and care for their needs. The care we show an animal entrusted to us is a gauge of personal integrity.

Many parents introduce a pet into their home to teach children responsibility and other positive character qualities. Such life lessons are definitely biblical. Pets also provide companionship, amusement and unconditional love.

It’s why pets are taken to hospitals and nursing homes to interact with people in need. We can learn an incredible deal from animals.

***Heavenly Father, how great the variety of living things you have put at our disposal! Bless all animals who work with us and for us. May they carry out the function they have been given and may they aid us to think of you, their creator, and give praise and thanks to you forever. May we realise that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust you to take care of us.***

Footnote: in case you’re wondering, Poppy’s second name Jingles happened because she was rehomed with one of the chaplains just before Christmas, after being abused as a puppy.!

## **Bible a Month: Turkey**

*“You answered me when I called to you, with your strength you strengthened me” Psalm 138, v 3 (GNB)*

Turkey is a country in western Asia and borders the Black Sea. It covers an area of 486,882 sq miles which is approx. 3.2 times as large as the UK. It has a population of 81.2 million, approx. 1.2 times as large as the UK. The literacy rate is 95%, and languages include Turkish, Kurdish and other minority languages.

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, massacres, severe persecution and waves of emigration to Greece nearly wiped out the entire Church in Turkey. Christians now form a tiny minority, numbering less than 0.1% of an overwhelmingly Muslim population of more than 81 million.

In spite of these challenges, our team is able to run a Bible shop on one of the main streets in Istanbul, where people come in to enquire about the Christian faith. Thanks to your support, the Bible Society in Turkey also attends annual secular book fairs across the country. With over one million visitors, these fairs provide a safe public environment where Muslims can browse through scriptures and ask questions.

While the ministry is slow and challenging, our Team in Turkey remain trusting in the Lord. One of our colleagues explained, “Sometimes we meet people who first came to our Bible store or book stand 15 years ago. We never saw them again, but they kept reading the Bible. If they hadn’t come back years later, we might have never known that their lives had been utterly transformed”

### **Prayer Pointers**

- Most Turks are misinformed about the Bible and often have strong prejudices about the Christian faith. Pray that God would soften the hearts of those who visit the Bible shop and book fairs, that they might encounter God for themselves.
- Praise God for the perseverance of our small team in Turkey as they continue to witness powerfully to the work of God amidst a difficult nation.
- Family pressures and societal intimidation keep many Turks from coming to Christ, while forcing others to remain secret believers. Please pray for strength and boldness for those who turn to Christianity after receiving God’s word.
- Please pray for renewed church growth in the face of continued spiritual, legal and cultural opposition in the country.

## Top 20 songs

Below are the “Top 20” Praise songs this year. The list has been compiled by CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing, Inc) from the weekly reports which ALL churches make of songs used, if they are projected onto a screen or printed on a song sheet. The song composers, or owners of the copyright, are then paid fairly for the copying of their songs/works.

How many do you know??? How many do we sing in worship?

Many of our more traditional hymns are in “Public Domain” which means that they do not have to be recorded on our CCLI license. Songs become Public Domain once the rights to the works have expired- usually 70 years after the death of the writer. So they are not included in this particular listing.

1. 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) (Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman)
2. In Christ Alone (Keith Getty, Stuart Townend)
3. What A Beautiful Name (Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood)
4. Cornerstone (Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury)
5. How Great Is Our God (Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves)
6. O Praise The Name (Anástasis) (Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson)
7. This Is Amazing Grace (Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham)
8. How Great Thou Art (Stuart Wesley Keene Hine)
9. Here I Am To Worship (Tim Hughes)
10. How Deep The Father’s Love For Us (Stuart Townend)
11. Build My Life (Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett)
12. The Lion And The Lamb (Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring)
13. Who You Say I Am (Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan)
14. Psalm 23 (Stuart Townend)
15. Hosanna (Praise Is Rising) (Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche)
16. Be Still (David J. Evans)
17. Blessed Be Your Name (Beth Redman, Matt Redman)
18. King Of Kings Majesty (Jarrod Cooper)
19. Great Are You Lord (David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan)
20. Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio)

N.B St George’s CCLI number is 5995

*We also hold a Calamus License which covers mainly songs from Iona Community, and the Catholic church*

## Smile

- My mate reckons he can throw a stick a mile and his dog will bring it back to him. I think that's a bit far fetched.
- With the conditions being as awful as they are, I thought I'd visit my 90 year old neighbour and ask if she needed anything from the shop. Turns out she did, so I gave her my list too, no point in both of us going out in this weather.
- There's now a patch to help people diet. You put it over your mouth!
- When I was a kid I got an Action Man deserter toy for Christmas. Guess what was in the box? Nowt!
- Shame nothing is made in the UK anymore. I just bought a new TV which states, "Built in Antenna". I don't even know where that is!
- Walking home last night I decided to take a short cut through the graveyard. Suddenly, three young lads sidled up to me and claimed they were too scared to walk past the graveyard at night and asked if they could walk along with me. A sixth sense warned me this was a perfect place to get mugged so I said to them, "I understand how you feel. I used to get freaked out too when I was alive". Never seen anyone run so fast!!
- The wife of a cabinet minister said to Winston Churchill if you were my husband I would put poison in your coffee. To which he replied, Madam, if I was your husband I would drink it.
- I've started investing in stocks. Beef, chicken and vegetable. One day I hope to be a bouillionaire.

*And finally, some unusual names given to children- as seen in school registers. Honest!*

Boys names: Adrian Wall (with a father called Walter Wall); Duncan Biscuit; Mark King; Mitchell Lynn; Justin Finnerty; Seymour Legg; Sean Head; Tim Burr; Phil Hole; Gerry Attick.

Girls names: Eileen Dover; Sandi Beech; Summer Day; Noleen Mutton; Emerald Stone; Dee Zaster; Ima Kettle; Hazel Nutt; Daisy Chain; Daisy Roots; Penny Wise; Terri Bull; Anne Teak

# People's Kitchen

*Before you make a donation, (in our box in church), please read the following carefully*

While we remain keen to continue to support the People's Kitchen, in recent times there have been a number of inappropriate items put in the box, including partially used or opened items, which have had to be disposed of.

We would be grateful if all wishing to donate could carefully consider what they are putting in - it must **definitely be unopened and well within its use-by date (at least 3 months remaining)** and should include the following *only* at present: (this information is current from the People's Kitchen website)

- Shampoo: shower gel; men's spray deodorant, razors, shaving foam/gel. Ladies' spray or roll-on deodorant, sanitary products, baby/face wipes.
- Tinned meats; cocoa powder; evaporated milk; instant custard powder; tinned/carton custard.

**Please note: at present, the following are NOT required....**

- **No** block soap, toothpaste or toothbrushes.
- **No** flour, cooking sauces, tinned tomatoes, baked beans or pasta.

*Many thanks for your consideration. BB/SB/DB*

## Hire of Halls. Rooms and Church

Our premises are available for letting as follows:-

### Regular Hires - based on a maximum of a 3 hour session

Large Hall: £45

Minor Hall: £30

Meeting Room: £15

Church: £45

### One-off Hires - based on a maximum of a 3 hour session

Large Hall: £60

Minor Hall: £40

Meeting Room: £20

Church: £80

If you want to book any of the above, or require further information please telephone Mr Harry Fawcitt, telephone number 2403129.

If any church members wish to hire the halls for private functions (at 50% discount) please check in the church diary first to make sure your date is free, then contact Harry to confirm booking. This avoids double bookings. A Hiring Agreement will need to be signed- as required by Synod.

There is no fee for church-related activities but in some cases a Hiring Agreement may have to be completed.

# Oxymorons

(an oxymoron is a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear together)

Amicable divorce	Crash landing	Microsoft Works
Army intelligence	Deafening silence	Paid volunteer
Business ethics	Educated guess	Virtual reality
Business trip	Free trade	Working holiday
Civil disobedience	Friendly fire	
Committee decision	Irregular pattern	

## *And a Few Tongue Twisters for you to try....*

- Six sharp smart sharks
- Wunwun was a racehorse. Tutu was one too. Wunwun won one race, Tutu won one too.
- Noisy noise annoys an oyster
- A big black bug bit a big black bear, made the big black bear bleed blood.
- Cheap ship trip
- Mrs Smith’s Fish Sauce shop
- Friendly Frank flips fine flapjacks

URC LECTIONARY READINGS 2019	
04-Aug-19	Hosea 11 vs 1-11, Psalm 107 vs 1-9, 43 (or Ecclesiastes 1 vs 2, 12-14 and chap 2 vs 18-23) Psalm 49 vs 1-12, Colossians 3 vs 1-11, Luke 12 vs 13-21
11-Aug-19	Isaiah 1 vs 1, 10-20, Psalm 50 vs 1-8, 22-23, (or Genesis 15 vs 1-6) Psalm 33 vs 12-22, Hebrews 11 vs 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12 vs 32-40
18-Aug-19	Isaiah 5 vs 1-7, Psalm 80 vs 1-2, 8-19, (or Jeremiah 23 vs 23-29), Psalm 82, Hebrews 11 vs 29 to ch 12 v 2
25-Aug-19	Jeremiah 1 vs 4-10, Psalm 71 vs 1-6, (or Isaiah 58 9b-14) Psalm 103 vs 1-8, Hebrews 12 vs 18-29, Luke 13 vs 10-17
01-Sep-19	Jeremiah 2 vs 4-13, Psalm 81 v 1, vs 10-16, (or Proverbs 25 vs 6-7) Psalm 112, Hebrews 13 vs 1-8, 15-16, Luke 14 v 1 vs 7-14
08-Sep-19	Jeremiah 18 vs 1-11, Psalm 139 vs 1-6, 13-18 (or Deuteronomy 30 vs 15-20) Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14 vs 25-33
15-Sep-19	Jeremiah 4 vs 11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14 (or Exodus 32 vs 7-14), Psalm 51 vs 1-10, 1Timothy 1 vs 12-17, Luke 15 vs 1-10
22-Sep-19	Jeremiah 8 vs 18 to ch 9 vs 1, Psalm 79 vs 1-9 (or Amos 8 vs 4-7), Psalm 113, 1Timothy 2 vs 1-7, Luke 16 vs 1-13
29-Sep-19	Jeremiah 32 vs 1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91 vs 1-6, 14-16 (or Amos 6 vs 1a, 4-7), Psalm 146, 1Timothy 6 vs 6-19, Luke 16 vs 19-31
06-Oct-19	Lamentations 1 vs 1-6, Lamentations 3 vs 19-26 (or Psalm 137), Or Habakkuk 1 vs 1-4, ch 2 1-4), Psalm 37 vs 1-9, 2Timothy 1 vs 1-14, Luke 17 vs 5-10

## Northern Synod Prayers

We are asked to pray for the following people and places within Northern Synod.

### August

- 4<sup>th</sup> The work of Pastoral Committee and Convenor, Rev'd Stephen Collinson.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ponteland URC; St John's URC Wideopen; St Aidan's URC, Hexham; Horsley URC.
- 18<sup>th</sup> St George's URC, Morpeth; Great Bavington URC; Widdrington URC.
- 25<sup>th</sup> The RC Bishop of Middlesbrough, Rt Rev'd Terry Draine

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> The work of the URC (Northern Province Trust Ltd) and Convenor, Rev'd David Groesh- Miller and Secretary, Dr Andrew Hamnett.
- 8<sup>th</sup> St James's URC, Newcastle; St Andrew's URC, Kenton; West Denton URC.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Longframlington URC; Rothbury URC; St Adnrew's URC, Glanton; Rev'd Ed Butlin
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Peacemaking Sunday
- 29<sup>th</sup> PCM- (Presbyterian Church of Mozambique), Lay Training and evening classes at Khovo in Maputo.  
Synod Meeting (5<sup>th</sup> October)  
Moderator's Secretary, Mrs Wendy Watson; Trust Officer, Mr Andrew Atkinson;  
Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Hogg.

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Homeless Sunday  
United Church of Christ New York Conference, and Conference Minister Rev'd David Gaewski
- 13<sup>th</sup> Freedom Sunday  
The work of Mission Committee and Convenor, Rev'd Dr Grant Wilson.

## CHRISTMAS CAKES

Once again I am taking orders for Christmas Cakes (un-iced). As in previous years, all profits will go to Church funds.

A 6 inch square cake will cost £11.00. and an 8 inch square cake will be £20.00.

Audrey Matfin.

# Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation to the St George's URC family for helping to make our wedding day on 1st June so special. The Church looked beautiful decked with all the flowers, the service perfect for the celebration, and the technology faultless. So, whether you are Grant, one of the talented florists or techno wizards, or one of those who joined us on the day, thank you!

Hannah and Ieuan Lewis

## Coffee Rota for Sundays

### August

4<sup>th</sup>

### Set Up

Clare

### Serve

Youth Church & Clare

11<sup>th</sup>

Team A

Carole & Ivy

18<sup>th</sup>

Solomon & Youth Church

Solomon & Youth Church

25<sup>th</sup>

Tony & Babs

Tony & Babs

### September

1<sup>st</sup>

Ann & Renee

Ann & Renee

8<sup>th</sup>

Clare

Ivy & Clare

15<sup>th</sup>

Tony & Babs

Tony & Babs

22<sup>nd</sup>

Solomon & Youth Church

Solomon & Youth Church

29<sup>th</sup>

Ann & Renee

Ann & Renee

### October

6<sup>th</sup>

Team A

Youth Church

13<sup>th</sup>

Clare

Carole and Clare

## Meditation

My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and  
the fact that I think that I am following  
Your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You  
does in fact please You.  
And I hope that I have that desire  
in all that I am doing.

*Thomas Merton*

And I know that if I do this,  
You will lead me by the right road  
although I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust You always,  
though I may seem to be lost  
and in the shadow of death,  
I will not fear, for You are ever with me,  
and will never leave me  
to face my perils alone.

## Diary

### August

- 4<sup>th</sup>    **10.30 am**    Altogether Worship led by Mrs Pat Gurr. To include Holy Communion.  
11<sup>th</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by Sharon Cowey, a Development Elder  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by Rev'd John Durell, retired URC minister.  
18<sup>th</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by the minister.  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by the minister.  
25<sup>th</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by Harry Fawcitt  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by Mrs Chris Carroll, Methodist Local Preacher.

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by the minister  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by the minister. To include Holy Communion.  
8<sup>th</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by Norman & Sandra Nossiter, and Angela MacKenzie.  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by Rev'd Dr Tony Haws.  
10<sup>th</sup>    7.00 pm    Heaton Churches Together meeting at Martha and Mary's.  
14<sup>th</sup>                    Wedding: Fiona Hall.  
15<sup>th</sup>                    **LAST DAY FOR ARTICLES for October/November Contact.**  
15<sup>th</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by the minister  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by the minister.  
22<sup>nd</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by Solomon  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by Jackie Haws, URC accredited Lay Preacher  
29<sup>th</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by June Holmes  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by Prof John Derry, URC Accredited Lay Preacher.

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by the minister. To include Holy Communion.  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by the minister.  
13<sup>th</sup>    10.00 am    Praise worship led by Judith Das, Development Elder.  
          11.00 am    Traditional worship led by the Elders. Songs of Praise  
17<sup>th</sup>    7.00 pm    Development Elders meeting

<b>Rotas</b>					
<b>August</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b><u>Sept 1st</u></b>
Duty Elder	Miss Coates	Mrs Croft	Miss Foster	Mrs Barker	Mrs S Cowey
Door Stewards	Mr & Mrs Renton	Mrs Das & Mrs Cadwallader	Mrs Matfin & Mr Armstrong	Mr & Mrs Hall	Miss Foster
Communion Stewards	Miss Coates & Mrs Cowey				Mr Hall & Mr Fawcitt
Flower Arrangers	Mrs Hutton	Mrs Barker	Mrs Renton	Mrs Nossiter	Mrs Wilkes
Flower Donations	Mr & Mrs Armstrong	Mrs Barker	<i>No donor</i>	<i>No donor</i>	<i>No donor</i>
Flower Delivery	Miss Ward	Miss Coates	<i>Volunteer, please</i>	Mrs Barker	Mr Nossiter
Offering Count	Mr & Mrs Nossiter	Mr & Mrs Fawcitt	Mr & Mrs Renton	Mr & Mrs Cowey	Mrs Matfin
Screens Set up	Mr Barclay	Mrs Wilson	Mr Barclay	Mr Renton	Miss Hall
Screens operate	Mr Barclay	Mrs Wilson	Mr Fawcitt	Mr Armstrong	Miss Hall
<b>Rotas</b>					
<b>September (cont)</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b><u>Oct 6th</u></b>
Duty Elder	Mrs Das	Miss Hall	Mrs Hall	Mr Hall	Mrs Nossiter
Door Stewards	Mr & Mrs Fawcitt	Mr & Mrs S Cowey	Miss Coates & Miss Clough	Youth Church	Mr & Mrs Renton
Communion Stewards					Mrs Barker & Mrs Croft
Flower Arrangers	Mrs Hutton	Mrs Barker	Mrs Renton	Mrs Nossiter	Mrs Wilkes
Flower Donations	<i>No donor</i>	Mr & Mrs Nossiter	<i>No donor</i>	Mrs Mackenzie	Mr & Mrs Fawcitt
Flower Delivery	<i>Volunteer please</i>	Mrs Croft	Miss Clough	Mrs Willford	Miss Ward
Offering Count	Mr & Mrs Nossiter	Mr & Mrs Fawcitt	Mr & Mrs Renton	Mr & Mrs Cowey	Mrs Matfin
Screens Set up	Mrs Dixon	Mr Barclay	Mr Renton	Mr Renton	Mr Barclay
Screens operate	Mrs Dixon	Mr Barclay	Mr Renton	Mr Armstrong	Mr Fawcitt