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PALM SUNDAY

Thoughts from the Manse

Christians who go to church regularly on a Sunday morning are now a decided minority in the United Kingdom. In other words, it is no longer normal to be a worshipping Christian.

Who decided being 'normal' was such a good thing, something we should all strive for? What if being 'normal' shuts us out from being the people God made us to be? What if trying to be 'normal' hinders our spiritual growth? What if it stops our faith from growing in the way it should? We in the church are wary of seeming strange to other people. We do not want them to think we are weird.

Yet in a fundamental way, Christians are not 'normal', because Christians define normality differently to other people. Sin is 'normal,' but not right. To be put right we need God's forgiveness, and forgiveness only comes through faith in Jesus Christ. Accepting Jesus, being adopted 'in Christ', involves a new birth, into a new life. This new life represents a new and very different kind of normality. Paul speaks about this new identity, this new standard of normality, in his letter to Christians in Rome: *For those whom [God] foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers* (Romans 8.29). You cannot expect that someone who has encountered Jesus Christ close up, who has experienced his love and grace in a personal and meaningful way, could be unchanged by that experience. We are, as Paul says, conformed to Christ's image.

Only a minority of people have probably had that experience, so their experience is not typical; nor 'normal'. Therefore we will inevitably be out of step with the culture that surrounds us. We will live differently.

Of course in some ways we want to be normal. Christians do not want to be branded as extremists, or as a hate group. However there is such a thing as being too normal, too keen on conformity. Paul warns of this danger in his letter to the Romans: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God* (Romans 12.2). Our standard of normality is what Jesus calls us to do, not what the world expects us to do. We will be tested; Jesus may well lead us to strange places, uncomfortable places, places we would not think it was normal to go to.

This week, Solomon and I went to West Denton Church and talked about our mission to Uganda. My first speaking engagement in Uganda was at a school presentation. Christopher, the Archdeacon of the district of Bunyoro-Kitara, introduced us. During his introduction he looked straight at me and said, "You will remain in Africa." That's funny, I thought. I have a family at home, two churches in Newcastle, and a return ticket in my pocket.

I could not imagine myself remaining in a place that felt so strange. The districts we worked in were beautiful, but they were not tourist destinations. I had lots of niggling anxieties, about money (there are no cashpoints), about clean water and food, and travelling so far on bad roads with no markings or signs. Yet in time, these things became normal: apocalyptic thunderstorms, exploding generators, cockroaches the size of toy cars in our rooms. Catching the plane home, I felt as if I was tearing myself away. I really did feel that part of me was left behind.

Jonah was so comfortable being a good, devout Jew in his own land, he never imagined that God would send him anywhere else. He fought with all his might and cunning to deny God's call. Jesus found Nathanael sitting under a fig tree and hailed him as a true Israelite, but he didn't allow him to stay there. To go anywhere without Christ's leading is folly. Refusing to be led, deciding to stay where we are, is worse; because it says to us, and everyone around us, our Christian lives, our lives as followers of Christ, are over. It might be comfortable to sit in the shade of a fig tree on a sunny day, but that's not what God made us for. Living water flows; standing water stagnates. Let's move.

Your friend in Christ,
Grant

Church Family News

It is with great sadness that I tell you of the death of Peter Kane whose funeral was on the 19th January. Our condolences and love go to Val, Richard, Andrew and the rest of the family as we hold them in our hearts and our prayers.

SEEDS OF HOPE 2018.

Seeds of hope would like to say a big Thank you to all who Fundraised, Donated, prayed, supported and others who joined the mission 2017 to Uganda, (Ntwetwe Kakumiro, Kibulala, Kiyamba and Kiboga Areas)



Uganda Mission 2017 was our most anticipated because Rev. Dr. Grant Wilson was heading over for the first time. Grant went and came back I am sure he has stories to tell, if you would like to hear more and/or would like to go for mission 2018, please contact Revd Grant on 0191 265 4113

All I know all people were Very Glad to see him and received his ministry with thanks giving.

From the moment we arrived we visited Makora in Kakumiro which is in neighbouring district to Ntwetwe, here local leaders, teachers and church leaders shared with Grant their plans, and what Seeds of Hope was

doing for the children in the area.

Grant shared with them message of love of God, hope and trust in Jesus.

The message of hope was an occurring theme this year, that through Christ all things are possible and because Seeds of Hope is the first of its kind to be in a small villages especially in that part of Uganda, it means so much to everyone especially the children that we are there to stand with them, encourage them to trust in God for their future.

Our week was spent in the orphanage in Ntwetwe. Here is where the holiday bible club took place. There was laughter, singing, prayers and games through out the week. We brought the message of hope and God being the rock even through troubles.



Children here think troubles faced are different from those in other parts of the world.

The children at the orphanage face hunger, absence of parental love and care, education etc, but they were encouraged to hear that there is one thing we have in common; is the Love of God in Jesus Christ. No matter where we are, who we are, we matter before Him, he cares for us all. The children really understood this and it was emphasised to them that we are one big family in Christ.



The main teachers who were with us in the first year also came back for 2017 even with more new additions. This was encouraging to see because it meant that word was spreading.

I have to emphasise that the students are from different villages and families, they study at the university in the city and gave up their time to come share in the word of God.

For this we are grateful, especially because they also invited their friends with them for the second year. This encourages us all to know that the little that we do here goes an extremely long way. No donation is too small, no prayer not heard.

Our song for 2017 was My Lighthouse. The kids sang it so beautifully and really understood what it meant. What surprised us even more was that when they were asked to sing the song of the previous year, they did so without hesitation.

Everything they are being taught is really getting through to them.

And being a believer in Christ I know that through him they will find hope, guidance and a purpose. Their problems will no longer be their own to shoulder, and their joys will be plentiful because they are the children of God.



These are simple lessons learnt when young that God is our number one. The bible says "Teach a child while is still young and when he grows" when children get to know God when young perhaps they will always walk in God's ways even later in life. And I am glad for the work Seeds of Hope has begun to do in making sure that even at a young age these children, whom have nothing can have God in their lives.

MISSION 2018 (Would you consider coming with us first or second week)

23/07/2018 to 29/07/2018

OR

6th to 12th August 2018.

We continue to ask for your prayers and support. And if you do feel like you want to come we would be delighted. Please contact Revd. Dr. Grant on 0191 265 4113 Or Solomon solomon1985@hotmail.co.uk

This year we will hold Holiday Bible club in two centres, last year in one centre we had 304 children. This year we expect the numbers to go up we expect over 800 in two places.

Whenever we go we feed these children, with £ 5 you can feed a child for one week. Would please consider feeding one or more this year?

There is also opportunity to sponsor people who would like to go this year.

Collections:

This year we are collecting only two things new or used any size; Shoes and clothes.

Collection will start in March we will be collecting from local Churches; last collection will be 14th July 2018.

Answered Prayer:

All orphanages are on borrowed land, the land lords can change any time, but the local Mp and the local council have donated land for these orphanages to have a permanent place.

This Land is located in Kiboga.

Prayer request:

Pray for funds for work to start on this piece of land.

Pray for people with needed skills to be part of this ministry project, planning, advising, fund raising team, construction team. Please pray see what role is God calling you to play in this project.

God willing we start construction 2019 (Next year) would you be part of the team that goes to do this work?)

Please let us know or for more information contact : Revd. Dr. Grant on 0191 265 4113
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Some of the teachers of 2017mission.



Revd. Dr. Grant in Kakumiro Church.



Children from the baby class



Children holding books we took them



A photo of some who attended the holiday bible club.

Big thank you all for your support.
Beth and Inez.

Prayer :

Do busy people pray?

I believe God wants his people to watch and pray, to be a people who are both intimate with Him and involved with the community.

A Community that needs Jesus. There is a call upon each Christian to be an intimate prayerful people, who touch the Father's heart and experience the transforming power of his God.

There is also a call upon each of our lives to be an 'involved' people, who prayerfully take the Father's heart to our community and introduce others to Jesus and allow them to experience the transforming power of his presence in their lives.

The Christian life needs both intimacy and involvement, We are called to do both – love the Lord our God with all our heart and love our neighbours (communities) as ourselves.

Church is open every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 for prayers, if you can, there is opportunity for prayers.

On Saturday 24/02/2018 the Church will be open all day for prayers,

8:00 am start and finish and 8pm. Again opportunity to come in any time and spent as much time as you can. In the evening we all gather together and close in praises and thanks giving celebration, plan to be present.

THANK YOU

Those of you who kindly ordered Christmas Cakes will be pleased to know that I have been able to make a donation of £170 to church funds. Thank you for all your orders, and your continued support.

Audrey Matfin.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Pietrafitness.com

Heaton Churches Together

Women's World Day of Prayer

This will take place on Friday 2nd March at 10.30am at Heaton Methodist Church. More details will follow in due course.

Lent Lunches

The following dates and venues have been agreed for the Lent Lunches this year. As in previous years these will be held on a Tuesday starting at 12.30 until approximately 1.15 p.m. and hosted by different churches each week.

20 th February	St Gabriel's
27 th February	Heaton Methodist
6 th March	St Silas'
13 th March	St Teresa's
20 th March	St Francis'

As in previous years, there will be a collection in aid of Christian Aid.

Easter Services

There will be a Good Friday walk of witness on Friday 30th March, finishing at Hadrian Square on Shields Road, similar to the event in previous years. It will start at St Francis church at High Heaton, at 9.30am, then on to St Gabriel's at 10am, stopping at churches on the way, arriving at Hadrian Square at 11am.

There will also be a Dawn Service at 6.30am on Easter Sunday morning (2nd April) which will be followed by breakfast at St Teresa's.

Christian Aid Week

This will take place on 13-19th May 2018.

Picnic in the Park

There will be a picnic in the park event on Sunday 20th May from 2 –4pm. More details will follow in due course.

"Open House" Event

Following the successful event in 2016 which was held in all churches, it was agreed that we will hold another event on Saturday 23rd June. More details will follow in due course.

Heaton Festival

It was confirmed that the Heaton Festival will be held on Saturday 29th June 2019.

Local Mission and Ministry Review (LMMR)

St George's is to be reviewed through the Local Mission and Ministry Review process in the coming year. It is the responsibility of Synod Pastoral Committee as agreed through General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, to implement the Ministry Development Reviews of our Pastorates and Ministers. It is not a "one-off" review but part of a continuous process, which begins with the induction of a minister to a pastorate and goes through regular reviews of the priorities for ministry and mission as outlined in the Pastorate Profile.

Our current Pastorate Profile was produced in 2012, when we were preparing for the retirement of our previous minister Rev'd Peter Heckels. It formed part of the discussions when seeking ministry. We can all appreciate how time marches on and it is amazing what changes we make over months and years within the life of our church, yet we rarely record the progress made. So we need to bring our Profile up to date.

Synod appoints a Pastorate Partner who will undertake the Local Mission and Ministry Review on behalf of Synod Pastoral Committee. Mr Tim Nelson has already been in touch with St George's and he will soon arrange mutually convenient times to meet.

A small group of people drawn from all aspects of the church will meet with the review team, and be responsible for updating our Pastorate Profile. We need to look at what goes well for our church, what not so well, what are the priorities for the mission and ministry, what are our hopes for the future and where we are on that journey. It is hoped over the next few weeks to invite folk to be part of that team.

The updated Pastorate Profile together with the latest audited accounts and any building surveys etc will be the documents which will form the basis of the review.

Following the Review, the Pastorate Partner will draft a report for comment, discussion and action.

DJB
Church Secretary

I am a Christian

When I say that "I am a Christian", I am not shouting that "I am clean living", I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven".

When I say, "I am a Christian", I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need his strength to carry on.

When I say "I am a Christian", I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian", I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say "I am a Christian", I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

United Christian Broadcasters post, on the Internet.

Is it Ministry or just a Job?

This appeared in your magazine a few years ago but it is worth repeating and considering again.

If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job.

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

If you are doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job.

If you are doing it to the best of your ability, it's ministry.

If you do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job.

If you are committed to staying with it, even when it means letting go of other things, it's ministry.

If you quit because no one praised or thanked you, it was a job.

If you stay with it even when no one seems to notice, it's ministry.

If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done, it's a job.
If you do it because God has convinced you it needs to be done, it's ministry.
It is hard to get excited about a job.
It's almost impossible not to get excited about ministry.
People may say "Well done" when you do the job.
The Lord will say, "Well done" when you complete your ministry.

**An average church is filled with people doing jobs.
A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.**

Bible a Month Club: Iraq

"We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again." 2 Corinthians 4, vs 8-9. (CEV)

Iraq is a land-locked country in the Middle East and is surrounded by Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Turkey. It covers an area of 438,000 sq km, which is about 1.8 times larger than the UK. It has a population of 39.2 million, approx. 61% of the UK.

The literacy rate- people who can read and write- is 79% and the main languages are Arabic, Kurdish, Turkmen, Syriac and Armenian.

Christians make up less than 1% of the Iraqi population and recent reports suggest this may have reduced even further with many fleeing to Jordan and Lebanon. While hundreds of families like Ihsan and Laras have returned, many others are still afraid. Christians have lost homes and experienced tragedy in the conflict with ISIS. It takes time and resources to support the return of refugees, the reconstruction of cities and villages devastated by war.

Thank you for your continuing support which enables us to encourage Christian communities which are under enormous pressure by providing food, medicines and other essential supplies as well as distributing Bibles.

People are hungry for the comfort and affirmation they find in God's word and thanks to the Bibles your support provides, there is hope in the midst of hardship.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks that as ISIS retreats, refugees are returning to Iraq. Please pray for those with the very difficult task of bringing stability in the aftermath of the conflict.
- Pray for God's protection over Ihsan and Lara as they rebuild their lives in Qaraqosh, bearing witness to Jesus and his resurrection in their community. Pray for their continued healing and recovery
- Praise God for all that we are able to do through partnering with local churches to provide Bibles, food packages and trauma healing.
- Pray that the Christian population in Iraq will grow in strength, faith and numbers and Iraqi Christians will be emboldened to share the reason for the hope they have.

URC Prayer Diary

We are asked to pray for the following people, churches and groups within the Northern Synod.

February

4th Christ Church LEP (Methodist/URC), North Broomhill; Rev'd Linda Coulthard (Methodist); Synod Mission Enabler, Rev'd Jane Rowell.

11th Spring Synod Retreat at Shepherd's Dene from 13th-15th. Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Ashington; St Andrew's & St Mark's LEP (Methodist/URC), Newbiggin by the Sea; Rev'd Marie Attwood (Methodist). For Lent which begins this week as we prepare for Easter.

18th Waddington Street URC, Durham; St Andrew's Dawson street, crook LEP (Methodist/URC); Rev'd Ray Angelsea; Rev'd Christopher Humble (Methodist).

25th PCM (Presbyterian Church of Mozambique), the four Presbyterian Societies: Men's, Women's, Youth and Activists Group (young marrieds) and for our won fund raising for PCM; Fair Trade Fortnight, 26th Feb- 11th March; The Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Diocese, the Rt Rev'd Christine Hardman;

Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March, when the theme is "All God's Creation is Very good" and material has been prepared by women of Suriname who focus on creation and our responsibility to care and look after it.

March

4th Tearfund Sunday. Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Bedlington; Elsdon avenue LEP (Methodist/URC), Seaton Delaval; Blyth URC; Rev'd Greg Thompson.

11th Mothering Sunday- for mothers everywhere; Synod Meeting at Wideopen on 17th; our Synod Moderator, Rev'd Dave Herbert; Synod Clerk, Mrs Melanie Campbell; Synod Treasurer, Rev'd Dr Tony Haws.

18th St Cuthbert's Centre, Holy Island; its visitors and management team; Warden of the Centre, Rev'd Rachel Poolman.

25th Our worship and activities during Holy Week and for our Easter Celebrations.

April

1st PCM, its congregations in and around the capital, Maputo. Darlington Methodist Chair, Rev'd Ruth Gee.

8th St Andrew's URC, Blackhill; Bethel URC, Chester-le-Street; Christ Church URC, Stanley.

LEP= Local Ecumenical Partnership

PCM=Presbyterian Church of Mozambique

Signs of the Times

Some churches put witty messages on their notice boards. Here are some you might like:-

- We are soul agents in this area.
- Come to church this Sunday and avoid the Christmas rush.
- There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.
- Can't sleep? Don't count sheep, talk to the Shepherd!
- Hoot if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him.
- Over 2000 years old, and still under the Maker's guarantee.
- Church Car Park. If you park here you are liable a) to be blocked in b) to be prayed for.
- If your problem is long-standing, try kneeling.
- Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
- Down in the mouth? Come in for a faith lift.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine". (Proverbs 17, v 22. King James Version)

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Points to Ponder

- When someone is not treating you right, no matter how much you love them, you've got to love yourself more and walk away.
- Life is all about balance. You don't always need to be getting stuff done. Sometimes it's perfectly okay and absolutely necessary, to shut down, kick back and do nothing.
- Learn to love with all of your heart and accept the unlovable side of others. For anyone can love a rose, but it takes a great heart to include the thorns.
- What's done is done. What's gone is gone. One of life's lessons is learning how to move on. It's okay to look back and think of fond memories but never stop moving forward.
- You can't pour from an empty cup. Take care of yourself first.
- Depression is when you don't care about anything; anxiety is when you care too much about everything. And having both is just like hell. *The Purple Flower*
- God gives miracles to those who believe, courage to those who dream, love to those who accept and forgiveness to those who ask.
- When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. That's where your power is.
- When you're thankful for what you have, you are always rewarded with more. Try to stay positive and things will get better.
- Things end. People change. And you know what? Life goes on.
- Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath, smile and start again. *Simple Reminders.com*
- Givers have to set limits because takers don't have any.
- Don't worry about people who aren't happy with you. They probably aren't happy with themselves.
- Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and love you no matter what. *Womenworking.com*

***At my lowest, God is my hope.
At my darkest, God is my light.
At my weakest, God is my strength.
At my saddest, God is my comforter.***

Summary of the Church Meeting held on January 21st 2018.

23 members attended with 10 apologies.

The meeting started with a review of church events during the last year (on slides) and members were asked to comment on what had appealed to them, what they thought was successful, and what changes could be made this year. Positives included seeing more young people at Saturday Zone, Toddlers and Youth/Junior church. Worship is more flexible and members appreciate the new songs which singing group and the music group teach us.

People would like to see more social events, more events for older people. Communications need to improve – it is frustrating to hear about events/meetings which interest you- after they happen.

The Treasurer gave his financial report. It has been an encouraging year. Church Meeting agreed that any surplus funds should go into the Property Fund for use as and when required.

The 2018 budget was presented and accepted by Church Meeting. Suggestions to date for improvements include a toilet in the church sanctuary area, possibly an extra toilet in the corridor beside the existing one, and work on the storage area to the back of the church hall.

Property: The audio-visual equipment in the minor hall is being assessed with a view to making it more reliable and user friendly.

From the Elders:

The Membership Roll now stands at 62.

General Data Protection Regulation(GDPR). There are to be changes in the way in which data and information can be stored. To prepare for this St George's will initially make a data audit to identify any gaps in our current practices.

Our Safeguarding Policy is being updated. A camera is to be purchased for use when recording church events. No other cameras can be used to take pictures.

A Safe Recruiting Form is to be introduced.

Local Ministry and Mission (LMMR). Our Pastorate Profile needs to be updated to take into account the many changes which have happened in recent years. A small group of people will help with this. Later in the year representatives from synod will visit the church and may wish to speak to Elders and Church Meeting.

Easter. United service at St George's on Maundy Thursday at 7pm. (29th March). United service at St Cuthbert's on Good Friday at 10.00 am.

A video about the Lord's Prayer will be viewed in 15 min sessions over 6 weeks during Praise worship when our Praise leaders are leading worship.

The AGM booklet of reports is not being produced this year so groups will be invited to verbally report to the next meeting, or send a report to be read out.

All Church and Hall Users are reminded to keep our premises clean and tidy.

The next Seeds of Hope trip to Uganda will be for 2 weeks from August 23rd.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the opening of St. George's. It is hoped to incorporate some celebrations in our worship to mark this milestone.

Date of the next Church Meeting: Sunday April 15th at 11.45 am.

<u>Sunday Service Date</u>	<u>URC Lectionary Readings 2018 Year B</u>
04-Feb-18	Isaiah 40 vs 21-31, Psalm 147 vs 1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9 vs 16-23, Mark 1 vs 29-39
11-Feb-18	2 Kings 2 vs 1-12, Psalm 50 vs 1-6, 2 Corinthians 4 vs 3-6, Mark 9 vs 2-9
14-Feb-18 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2 vs 1-2, 12-17 (or Isaiah 58 vs 1-12), Psalm 51 vs 1-17, 2 Corinthians 5 vs 20b to 6 vs 10, Matthew 6 vs 1-6, 16-21
18-Feb-18	Genesis 9 vs 8-17, Psalm 25 vs 1-10, 1 Peter 3 vs 18-22, Mark 1 vs 9-15

25-Feb-18	Genesis 17 vs 1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22 vs 23-31, Romans 4 vs 13-25, Mark 8 vs 31-38
04-Mar-18	Exodus 20 vs 1-17, Psalm 19, 1Corinthians 1 18-25, St. John 2 vs 13-22
11-Mar-18	Numbers 21 vs 4-9, Psalm 107 vs 1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2 vs 1-10, St. John 3 vs 14-21
18-Mar-18	Jeremiah 31 vs 31-34, Psalm 51 vs 1-12 (or Psalm 119 vs 9-16), Hebrews 5 vs 5-10, St. John 12 vs 20-33
25-Mar-18	PALM: Mark 11 vs 1-11 or John 12 vs 12-16, Psalm 118 vs 1-2, 19-29 PASSION Isaiah 50 vs 4-9a, Psalm 31 vs 9-16, Philippians 2 vs 5-11, Mark 14 vs 1-15, and v 47 (or Mark 15 vs 1-39 (40-47)
01-Mar-18	Acts 10 vs 34-43 (or Isaiah 25 vs 6-9), Psalm 118 vs 1-2, 14-24 1Corinthians 15 vs 1-11 St. John 20 vs 1-18 or Mark 16 vs 1-8
08-Mar-18	Acts 4 vs 32-35, Psalm 133, (or Isaiah 65 vs 17-25) Psalm 3, 1 John 1 vs 1-2: & chapter 2, St. John 20 vs 19-31

<u>St George's Coffee Rota</u> <u>Feb 2018</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Set up</u>	<u>Serve</u>	<u>Clear Away</u>
04/02/2018	Dorothy and Ivy	Dorothy and Ivy	Dorothy and Ivy
11/02/2018	Tony and Babs	Tony and Babs	Tony and Babs
18/02/2018	Solomon & Youth Church	Solomon & Youth Church	Solomon & Youth Church
25/02/2018	Kim and Mitra	Carole and Elizabeth	Carole and Elizabeth

Please see Marina for dates for March and April.

Apologies

I must apologise for the lateness of this month's magazine. This unfortunately was due to my ill health.

Sandra

Smile !

(These are genuine signs seen inside/outside vets surgeries).

- If cats could text you back, they wouldn't.
- Dinosaurs never went to the vet. Look what happened to them.
- Dogs have owners. Cats have staff.
- What do you call a dog magician? A Labracadabrador.
- It's all fun and games until someone ends up in a cone.
- We're against animal testing. They get nervous and get all the answers wrong!
- Unattended children will be given an espresso and a free puppy.
- A cat is always on the wrong side of the door.
- My alarm doesn't have a snooze button. It has paws.

And.....

- The current wife said I had OCD....I soon put her in her place.
- Our Wi-Fi wasn't working last night so I sat and chatted to the missus for a change. I'm surprised to hear she no longer works at Woolworths.
- Thieves broke into the Bradford Police station car park and stole all the Sat Nav units over the weekend. Police are still looking for Leeds.....
- I found out I'm colour blind. I'm shocked- it came totally out of the purple.
- Someone keeps dumping topsoil on my allotment, been going on for while. The plot thickens.
- Ice cream van just crashed on Saltwell Road, area coned off....
- After insulting her food once too often, the current Mrs G's not cooking for me tonight. Well, either that or the smoke alarm's bust.
- I was woken by the window cleaner ranting and swearing this morning. I thought, "Crikey, he's lost his rag"
- Been quoted £40 to repair a puncture. I said, "It was only £30 last time!" "That's inflation for you," he said.
- I used to work as a fisherman but, after tax, I couldn't live on my net income.
- My son took his first steps today. The window cleaner was livid!

Diary for February/March 2018

February

4 th	10.00 am	Worship led by the minister, Rev'd Grant Wilson. Holy Communion during Praise worship.
11 th	10.00 am	Praise worship led by Judith Das
	11.00 am	Traditional worship led by Rev'd Barry Hutchinson, retired URC minister.
14 th		Ash Wednesday- start of Lent.
18 th	10.00 am	Worship led by the minister, Rev'd Grant Wilson.
20 th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch at St Gabriel's.
24 th	8am-8pm	Prayer Day
25 th	10.00 am	Praise worship led by Sharon Cowey
	11.00 am	Traditional worship led by Mrs Pat Gurr, Methodist Local Preacher
27 th	12.30pm	Lent Lunch at Heaton Methodist Church, Simonside Terrace.

March

2 nd	10.30 am	Women's World Day of Prayer. At Heaton Methodist Church.
3 rd		Kema Kay worship evening.
4 th	10.00 am	Worship led by the minister, Rev'd Grant Wilson. Holy Communion during Traditional
		worship
6 th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch at St Silas's church, Byker
11 th	10.00 am	Praise worship led by Harry Fawcitt
	11.00 am	(Mothering Sunday) Traditional worship led by Mrs Hannah Middleton, URC Accredited Lay Preacher and Synod's Children's work Advisor (part time).
13 th	12.30pm	Lent Lunch at St Teresa's R.C. Church, Heaton Road.
15 th	7.00 pm	Development Elders
18 th	10.00 am	Worship led by the minister, Rev'd Grant Wilson.
20 th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch at St Francis's church, Cleveland Gdns.
25 th	10.00 am	Praise worship led by Angela MacKenzie, Norman and Sandra Nossiter.
	11.00 am	Traditional worship led by Mrs Jackie Haws, URC Accredited Lay Preacher
29 th	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday worship at St George's (with St Cuthbert's)
30 th	9.30 am	Good Friday Procession of witness starts at St Francis's.
30 th	10.00 am	Good Friday worship at St Cuthbert's
30 th	11.00 am	Open Air service in Library Square, Byker. (organised by Heaton Churches Together).

April

1 st	6.30 am	Easter Dawn service in Heaton Park. Followed by breakfast at St Teresa's.
1 st	10.30 am	Easter Day - All Together Worship led by the minister. To include Holy Communion.
8 th	10.00 am	Praise worship led by Alphonsi Solomon
	11.00 am	Traditional worship led by Mr Ken MacKenzie, Methodist Circuit Steward

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Church: £45

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Duty Rotas

	February			
	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
Duty Elder	Miss. D Coates	Mrs. L. Dixon	Mrs B. Hall	Mrs R. Croft
Door Steward	Mrs. J. Das & Mrs L. Cadwallader	Mrs. A. Matfin & Mr. A Armstrong	Mr T. & Miss A Hall	Miss M. Foster & Mrs J. Cartman
Communion Stewards	Mrs J. Das & Mrs. R. Croft			
Computer Rota Setting up	Stewart Barclay	Sandra Nossiter	Stewart Barclay	Bob Renton
Computer Rota Operating	Stewart Barclay	Sandra Nossiter	Anthony Armstrong	Bob Renton
Sound Desk		Norman Nossiter		
Offering Counting	Sandra & Norman Nossiter	Ivy & Bob Renton	Sharon & Steve Cowey	Audrey Matfin
Flower Donations	No Donor	Audrey Matfin	No Donor	Babs Hall
Flower Arranger	Karen Wilkes	Clare Hutton	Dorothy Barker	Ivy Renton
Flower Distribution	Denise Fawcitt	Lilian Willford	Norman Nossiter	Ann Clough

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Duty Rotas

	March				April	
	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th	1 st Easter Sunday	8 th
Duty Elder	Miss A. Clough	Mrs D. Barker	Mrs S. Cowey	Mrs J. Das	Mr. T. Hall	Miss A. Hall
Door Steward	Mr & Mrs H. Fawcitt	Mr & Mrs. S. Cowey	Miss D. Coates & Miss A. Clough	Mrs E. Cowey & Miss M. Applegate	Mr & Mrs R. Renton	Mrs. J. Das & Mrs. L. Cadwallader
Communion Stewards	Miss A. Hall & Mrs S. Nossiter				Mrs S. Cowey & Mr. Solomon	
Computer Rota Setting up	Lucy Dixon	Stewart Barclay	Sandra Nossiter	Lucy Dixon	Stewart Barclay	Sandra Nossiter
Computer Rota Operating	Lucy Dixon	Harry Fawcitt	Sandra Nossiter	Lucy Dixon	Stewart Barclay	Harry Fawcitt
Sound Desk		Norman Nossiter	Norman Nossiter			Norman Nossiter
Offering Counting	Denise and Harry Fawcitt	Sandra and Norman Nossiter	Ivy and Bob Renton	Sharon and Steve Cowey	Audrey Matfin	Denise and Harry Fawcitt
Flower Donations	No Donor	No Donor	No Donor	Renee Croft	Judith Das	Angela Mckenzie
Flower Arranger	Sandra Nossiter	Karen Wilkes	Clare Hutton	Palm Sunday Dorothy Barker	Easter Sunday Ivy Renton	Sandra Nossiter
Flower Distribution	Dorothy Coates	Deborah Ward	Dorothy Barker	Lucy Dixon	Jean Cartman	Renee Croft

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