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SIGNPOST



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40p

Aug/Sept 2017

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, STRANTON, CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday

8.30am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am. Service (with children's groups for 3-14s)

1st Sunday of the month will be Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the month will be Morning Worship

3rd Sunday of the month will be Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month will be Lighthouse Service

11.00am. Morning Worship at Burbank Community Church,
at Ward Jackson School.

7.30pm Youth Fellowship (14 years +)

On the Third Sunday of each month, **Messy Church** takes place at St Matthew's Community Centre at 4.00pm. This is a time for parents/ carers and children to have fun together, doing crafts and various activities, based on a bible theme.

Occasionally, (2 or 3 times a year) the congregations at Stranton and Burbank all come together for the 10.30am service, and this is followed by a bring and share meal.

Wednesday Morning

10.00am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
at St Matthew's Community Centre.

Please note that the next **Messy Church** will be on **17th September** and will continue to take place on the **Third Sunday of each Month**

Take time for silence

I am going to write about silence. Yet I know that in all the different ways of describing it, there is one thing which is much better, experiencing it. So I will start with a few key pointers and then I am going to ask you to try it!

Firstly, when was the last time you sat still and did nothing? By nothing I mean not sitting watching tv or reading. I mean sat with no thoughts in your mind what so ever. I guess some of you are now thinking that is impossible! Our minds are just so active. They are, and I have to admit our minds often do rule our thoughts and behaviour. But being a counsellor, I know and see that people can actually control their own minds. This takes time and even effort. A fear of spiders does not have to be endured for the whole of your life, you can be helped to stop that fear, through learning how to control what fear is bringing into your mind. You can change your mind-set and decide 'I will not have this fear'.

I was having a very busy period of studying and work and meetings. I had in the diary an hour's Spiritual Direction meeting. It's a time to talk about where I am spiritually with God. When I walked into the room I got the, 'would you like a tea or coffee and how are you?'; "Busy as ever" I said "tea would be good". Then they said "How about I light a candle and you sit for a few minutes while I go to make your tea." That is what happened. I sat and stared at the candle. I noticed how much it flickered and then it would look like someone had pressed a pause button. I notice it was light and hot and I saw the wax melt on the edge of the candle. Then I realised I personally had been sinking into my chair becoming still and finding peace. All this in just 5 minutes.

In counselling terms this would be called a distraction method. It worked really well for me at that moment. To find silence we need to make time to practise it. When God said I have made the Sabbath to be a day of rest. Do you ever think why? God even went on to make one of the Ten Commandments - keep the Sabbath. Jesus we know always took time out to draw near to God. Our bodies, that God made, need times of rest. I have always thought that when Britain decided to have Sunday trading that it was a mistake. Now we are people who suffer depression and burnout and nervous breakdowns. These are illnesses that creep up on people without them noticing. But could the signs have been noticed if the person was looking for them? If they were asking themselves "how is my sleep pattern, how am I coping?" I do want to link this to if we were in the habit of stopping and finding time to be silent and listen to both ourselves and to God, just what would we learn about ourselves?

So, decide when you will find the time to light a candle and where you will sit. Then for 10 minutes sit in silence. You could of course just look out of your window or close your eyes. But let you mind slow down let it drift, you may reach a point of no thoughts at all!

Then see what you notice about yourselves and God. Try it and the next time you see me, tell me how you did?

May God's peace be with you.

Clive

MOTHER`S UNION

Dear Friends,

The weather once again was not favourable for our Strawberry Tea, unlike Wimbledon! But spirits were not dampened as occupants of one table were entertained by Thora Deacon's experiences of emptying a large house, which she had occupied all her married life, to move into a small bungalow...

Thanks to everyone who helped or attended and £150 was sent to the Big Summer Appeal.

As I read M.U. Worldwide I am vividly reminded of a saying "Faith is love, love is Service (Mother Teresa). Faith in action is being fulfilled daily by M.U. members in many different situations, in wars, in refugee camps, in orphanages, through education etc. The list goes on. So it is good to be reminded of the many blessings God gives to those who love and serve Him worldwide.

Holiday time is upon us with many travelling (keep safe), while others are finding rest in a slower pace of life. Whatever you do, enjoy, experience and return with new vigour.

Our congratulations go to Hilary Harkness on her 90th birthday in July. Hilary is a happy, faithful lady known by many in church. May she enjoy her birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Diary dates

Mary Sumner day	9 th Aug. 2pm St. Nicholas Church Durham
Next meeting	11 th Sept.
Quiet afternoon	13 th Sept 2pm –Greatham

Kathy

From the Home Front

Sometimes it is hard to switch out of life and into God.

Over the last few months our lives have been 'very busy' – challenges emotionally, physically and spiritually have rained in on us. Some days by the time I fall into bed my mind is a whirlpool of confused thoughts, half completed plans, frustrations and exhaustion. Often I just fall into a fitful sleep, waking frequently as another bubble of thoughts bursts into my consciousness. I toss and turn, worry and fret, act out scenarios...

Clive recently set Burbank congregation the task of reading Mark's gospel using a daily reading timetable. It takes a real determination to find the time to just sit quietly at the end of the day and read and think about a few verses – some familiar and comforting, others challenging – it helps to turn the focus from the events of the day and to think about Jesus. An altered perspective. Then at least when I try to sleep my thoughts are not such a maelstrom and I fall asleep quickly. I have also learnt how to calm my racing mind through deep breathing and meditation. So when I wake in the night in the silence I concentrate my thoughts on a beautiful bay where we recently spent a holiday. As I look at the cliffs and islands, the sea lapping the shore and the sun in the blue sky, I start to give thanks and praise to our wonderful God who made such views. I find myself gradually bringing to our Father all the troubles, worries and cares going through my mind. I become engrossed in prayers. I feel peaceful and unburdened. The fears and worries melt away and no longer loom large in my thoughts. I might not sleep, but I am in a restful state and don't seem to wake up tired in the morning.

Satan wants us to be exhausted, to go without sleep, to focus on all the negatives happening in our lives, the doubts and fears. The last thing he wants is for us to start looking towards God, to trust in Him, to unburden ourselves, to praise and worship - despite everything! Don't let Satan unsettle you and stand between you and God. Find those few minutes each day to ground yourself in His truth and to lay your cares at His feet – and you will be refreshed.

“Come to me all who are heavy burdened and I will give you rest”
Matthew 11:28

J.A.R.

Visit by Venerable Stephen Taylor 9th July Twentieth Anniversary of Kilimatinde Trust

It was a pleasure to welcome Stephen and Julie Taylor back to Stranton – their first official Sunday visit since leaving Hartlepool in 1999 to take up his post at Sunderland Minister. Stephen is now Archdeacon of Maidstone where he and Julie live, in the Canterbury Diocese.

It was in 1997 that Stephen set up The Kilimatinde Trust after meeting Bishop Alpha Mohammad of The Rift Valley in Tanzania. Over the years many Strantonians have been to visit the school and hospital – Ruth Stranex, Sandie Butler, Alan Robertson, Andrew Robertson, Pat and Stan Vaughan, Roz Hall, Ann and Sophie Anderson, Jill Barrett and many more.

Stephen used Matthew 16 v 19 on which to base his sermon. He reminded us that we are often ‘disconnected from others’- we know about problems - but are not doing anything...When he first met Bishop Alpha, Stephen said his plea was to “come and see” – and that’s what Stephen and others did. They saw what was needed and learned a great deal from the people of The Rift Valley which led to the setting up of The Trust, to give appropriate support and send resources efficiently when needed.

Farming in recent years has been hit by the effects of global warming. Drought was usually expected every seven years, but now it can be every couple of years – the dam restored by the Trust, has alleviated some of the problems for the hospital and St John’s School, enabling the community at Manyoni to continue to exist in the difficult conditions. However there are three areas to be tackled by this Anniversary Appeal and loans:

Solar Power – 95% of Rift Valley Community are off the electricity grid. Therefore households rely on kerosene for light and cooking. It is difficult for young people to study by kerosene lights with its noxious fumes, and burns from lights and cookers are frequent. The Trust has set up contacts for purchasing solar panels and equipment, and also the training of young people to make and install the equipment. A grain store is to be used as a production unit.

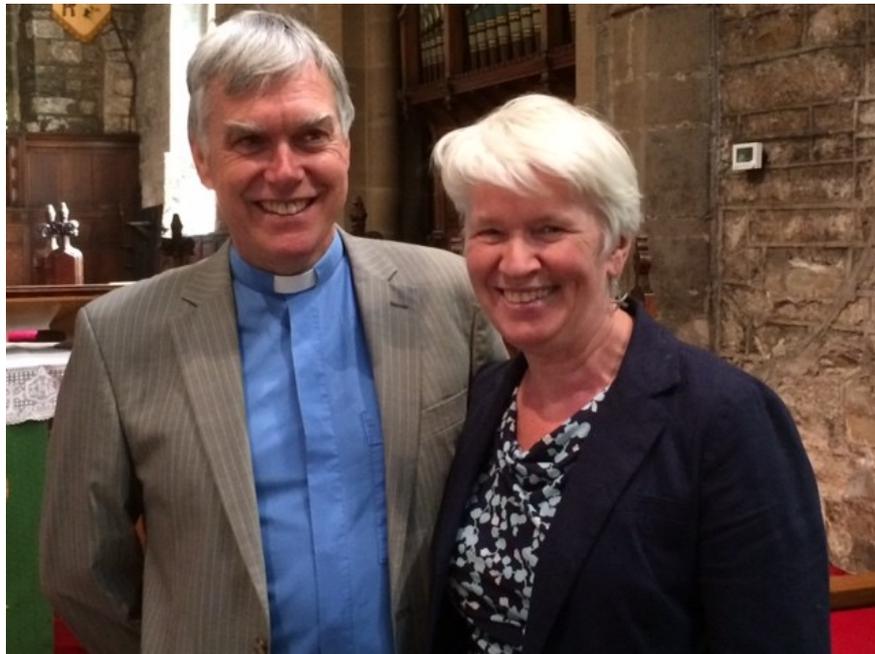
Burns Unit – so many people are injured by accidents involving kerosene that a specialist unit could save suffering and long painful journeys.

Dormitory at St John's School - to enable more students to stay at the school and study for A' levels and perhaps even vocational studies.



Stephen preaching

Stephen asked us all to pray and to hear God through His people and to become excited by becoming connected!



Stephen & Julie relax after the service

Raising Money for Kilimatinde Anniversary Trust Strawberry Tea

Jill Barrett's Strawberry Tea at St Hilda's Church on July 1st raised £800. Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended this event.

Open giving

Contributions from open giving at the service when Stephen Taylor preached raised a further £372.50 for the Trust – thank you.

Future event

Andrew and Jacqui Rogers

are celebrating their

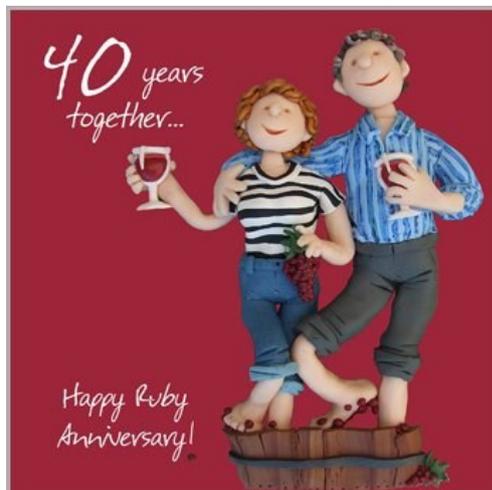
**Ruby Wedding Anniversary in late August
and invite everyone to drop in for tea and cakes**

**on Saturday 26th August
at 19 Trentbrooke Avenue
TS25 5JN**

From 2.00pm until 5.00pm

**No presents – but a donation towards the Kilimatinde Trust
Anniversary Appeal would be welcomed.**

(to aid catering please text/ring 07831 314375 or 07885 083913)



Kilimatinde Trust 1997-2017

Festo and Grace Kanungha
St John's Seminary
PO BOX 104
Manyoni
Tanzania
festoandgrace@gmail.com
16/06/2017

Dear friends,

As you know at St John's we currently offer education from Nursery through to O' levels.

We are looking for an interest free loan or a grant of some kind to help us to buy a school bus. We are writing to you in the hope that you or someone you know might have contact with the kinds of charities who can help us.

Attached with this letter is a translated letter from one of the parents of one of our Nursery school children. At a recent parents meeting we discussed again our need for transport for some of our nursery and primary children. This parent gave the idea of trying to find an interest free loan and agreed to write a letter.

Why do we need a school bus?

- Many of our children live more than 2 kilometres away from the school.
- No parents own their own cars.
- We have prospective students living in nearby villages whose parents have reported they would bring to our school if we had transport.
- A bus would also be useful for the secondary school as we often hire local buses for trips etc

After the repayment of the loan the bus, in a small way, could bring income generation for school.

The parents are ready to pay a bus fare. The children who arrive at school by motor bike would have a far safer journey to school and the potential for school growth is there, as more students would be able to access the school.

What are the Vehicle options?

We would love a mini bus and these are sometimes imported to Tanzania, I have seen one advertised today for 25,000,000 TZS (£9000)

A Toyota Coaster is the popular choice for many education institutions, currently ranging in price from 40,000,000 TZS (£14,500)

A smaller car in the short term would be a help such as a Toyota Noah ranging in price from 15,000,000 TZS (£5500).

The vehicle we choose would be dependent on the amount on money we are able to borrow or receive through grants.

Naturally on top of buying the vehicle we will also need to pay insurance and for permits allowing the vehicle to be used as a school bus. These amounts vary depending on the vehicle in question.

Thank you for taking time to read this and if there is anyway in which you can help or you can point us in the direction of the help we need, we would greatly appreciate it.

Yours Sincerely
Grace Kanungha

TRANSLATION OF PARENT'S LETTER

Emanuely Jacksoni Masamaki
PO BOX 123
Manyoni
13/06/2017

RE: Request for a loan without interest.

I am the parent of Elisante Emmanuely, a child of the St. John's Nursery school. I liked to choose this school, St John's Nursery, for my child because I can see that they provide a better education for children and in the language of English. But my home in Solya is far from the school, and it is not just my child who lives far from the school. Other children attend the school from the neighbouring village of Sukamahela which is 7 kilometres away. They must arrive at the school at 8am and so we use motorbike taxis to transport them to and from school. We know that this is dangerous but we do not have another option.

As parents we have agreed that the school needs to have a car/bus and we are ready to pay a bus fare so that our children can get to school safely each day. But we know that this is a mission school and that it doesn't have the money to purchase a car/bus.

The school fees that we pay for our children to attend the school are very low, not like other schools. This is because they are helping the community to access education. This is why we parents agree with the leaders of our school to ask for a loan without interest along with any other resources for the school so that our children may travel safely to and from school every day.

Thank you and thank you in advance for the help you will give
May God help you
I am Masamaki

20 things the Voluntary Support Worker does:

Jean Waller has been working, with the blessing of the church, for the asylum seekers and refugees in Stranton and within Hartlepool for the last 14 months.

1. Meet asylum seekers and refugees at Monday Drop In Centre at St Joseph's
2. Taxi people home with any new possessions acquired at the Drop In.
3. Check up on any regulars 'missing' from the Drop In.
4. Visit families and individuals in their homes.
5. A point of contact for concerns about Immigration Service appointments.
6. Support on visits to solicitors.
7. Accompany people to meetings.
8. Transport people to doctor's or hospital appointments
9. Prospective birth partner for pregnant asylum seeker!
10. Receiver of much hospitality and conversation.....
11. Collector of donations of clothes and household goods.
12. Sorter out, and storer of all donations received.
13. Deliverer of appropriate goods as required.
14. Work in partnership with other organisations offering migrant help.
15. Accompany people to open bank accounts.
16. Help set up utilities when refugees move into their own homes.
17. Accompany people on visits to council offices, Job Centre and West View Resource Centre.
18. Contact and visit families with medical emergencies.
19. Act as liaison between agencies involved and individuals and families.
20. Have 'away day treats' when time allows!

All these activities are carried out in friendship with care, while building trust and totally covered in prayer.

Nick and Bekah Moore say Goodbye to everyone in Hartlepool



Nick & Bekah hosted an open house afternoon for all the friends they have made during their time in Hartlepool to drop by and say farewell. Everyone was treated to beverages and cakes. The children enjoyed a bouncy castle, garden toys also indoor drawing and playdoh.

OXFORD ROAD BAPTISTS

WIN CHURCHES TOGETHER QUIZ (AGAIN!)

5 teams entered this year's quiz; Sure & Steadfast (Boys Brigade), The Not Sport or Poppers (St Luke's), Footprints in the Sand (Oxford Rd Baptists), The Non Thinkers (Stranton) and Bennjy's Bandits (Oxford Rd again). The quiz was held on Friday 21st July at St Matthew's Community Centre. As last year's winners, we were hosting the event and setting the questions.

There were some inspired answers to a bizarre and eclectic selection of questions; Sure & Steadfast recognised the Karl Pilkington quotation and Footprints in the Sand were correct with the 'contiguous centre of the USA', but I don't think anyone remembered the name of Asterix the Gaul's little dog.

In the end Footprints in the Sand won by the tiny margin of 1 ½ points. So, congratulations to them as they took home the prestigious trophy. We look forward to joining them at Oxford Road next year when they have the delight of setting the questions.

We all enjoyed a bring and share supper. Thanks to all who brought food, and thanks also to everyone who helped set up the room and tidy up afterwards. I think we can agree that a good evening of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Andrew Rogers.

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Jan Brough Headteacher of Ward Jackson CE Primary



Jan Brough has retired from her position as Headteacher of the school. It has been a time of reflection and sadness for staff, children and governors, as well as Jan herself. She joined Ward Jackson Primary in September 2004 from Greatham CE Primary. She has always treated the children and families with care and compassion and her calm and quietness have made the school a happy learning and nurturing environment, where everyone is valued.

She was horrified when the school was threatened with closure and quickly moved to link the school with the church. This has proved to bring an extra layer of care and love into the lives of the children and they continue to thrive. Her vision and selfless drive will be missed – but she has handed on the baton of leadership knowing she has given the children of Ward Jackson a future to grow into...

Thank you Jan we appreciate all you hard work. We pray for a happy and long retirement. You have a special place in the hearts of many Burbank children and the grateful thanks of parents too.

J.A.R.

Ward Jackson Year 6 Leavers Worship

Friday 7th July saw the Year 6 Leavers Celebration Worship take place in Ward Jackson CE Primary. Photographs scrolled of them all from arrival in school to present day – causing hoots of laughter!

It was a lovely occasion witnessed by the whole school, staff, parents and governors.

Each class performed a song or poem to wish the Year 6 children goodbye and good luck as they move on to Secondary schools. Then Year 6 performed a short play as their way of saying thank you and goodbye. Everyone joined in enthusiastically with whole school songs!

Presentations of a Bible (from Stranton Church), an appropriate reading book (from the school) and an autograph book (from the Parent's Association) were handed out to each child. This was followed by attendance certificates and awards.

The Year 6 worked hard in SATs tests and Mrs Brough confirmed how proud she and the teachers were for all their efforts.

Some of the children – and their siblings and friends lower down school - were quite tearful to say goodbye.

We wish each child blessings for this new chapter in their lives and pray for their success in the future.



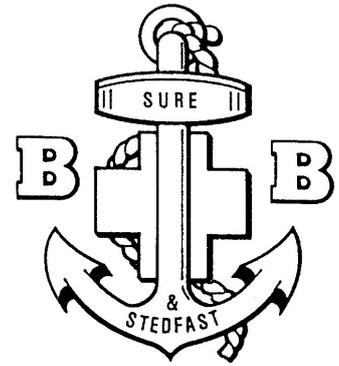
J.A.R.

Rebecca Henderson Update

Rebecca has had chemo and managed to attend her Y6 Leavers ice skating treat at the Forum. She has had an operation to remove the tumour in her leg and is making a good recovery and has started chemotherapy again.



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Boys Brigade News

Summer plans come to final fruition – we are now in full swing preparing, shopping and putting the final plans for camp in place.

It's all going to happen at Birch Scout Centre – Langdale End near Scarborough, we have 21 youngsters at Camp this year – a full report will follow in the next Signpost magazine.

New Starters wanted in **September** we have room in each section for new members:

For 6 - 8 year olds - Anchor Boys 6.00 -7.00pm every Friday

For 8 – 11year olds 6.30 – 8.00pm every Monday

For 11- 16 year olds 7.15 – 9.30pm Every Friday

if you have any questions about new starters please contact:

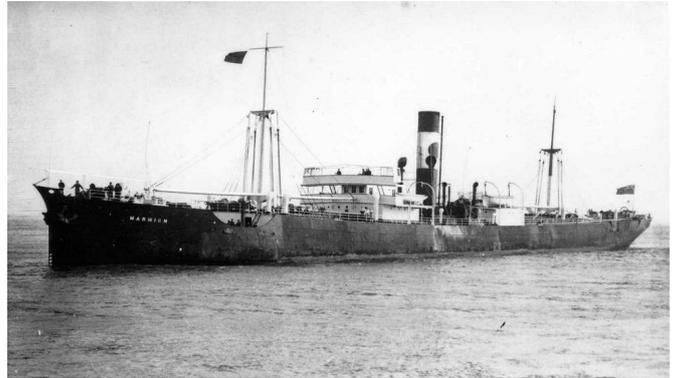
George Bainbridge on 263149 or 0781 6445829 or

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Remembering the fallen Strantonians 100 years on Robert Corbett

The youngest Strantonian to die was Apprentice Robert Corbett who was 17 when on 26th August 1917 his ship SS Marmion was torpedoed on a voyage from New York to Bordeaux, by German Submarine U 93. This resulted in 17 of the crew being lost. He is remembered at the Tower Hill Memorial in London.



SS Marmion was actually built in West Hartlepool in 1912.

Acting Bombardier Joseph William Jobling

Joseph was a bell ringer and a primary school teacher who lived at 68 Wansbeck Gardens He died on 18th September 1917. He was 39 years old. Joseph is buried in The Huts Cemetery, Belgium.

His grave details are recorded on this registration report - it is the 4th line from the top.



Grave stone of Joseph William Jobling

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Serial No. 821

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PLACE OF BURIAL THE HUTS MILITARY CEMETERY, DICKEBUSCH.

Map Reference Sheet 28, H, 27, c, 6, 4.

The following are buried here:-

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U.D.	Plot, Row and Grave
FLOT 6, ROW "B"						
1/Pnrs. 1/Aus. Div.	2728	THOMSON ✓	Pte. J.	17.9.17	All	1
1/20 London Regt.	633216	BROWN ✓	Rfn. C. H.	"	"	2
B/Bty. 103/Bde. RFA.	45351	TALBOT ✓	Gnr. W. G.	16.9.17	"	3
265/Sge. Bty. R. G. A.	113617	JOBLING ✓	Bdr. J. W.	18.9.17	"	4
31/Bty. 8/Bde. A. F. A.		FREW ✓	Lieut. R. L.	17.9.17	"	5
A. Bty. 96/Bde. RFA.	44692	GRIGG ✓	Sgt. F.	"	"	6
C. Bty. 190/Bde. RFA.	92801	WARREN ✓	Gnr. R. H.	18.9.17	crosses	7
B. Bty. att. 353/Sg. Bty. 7470		HOGG ✓	1/Air Mech.	"	"	8
6/Lab. Coy (Blk. Wtch)	3033	MILLER ✓	Cpl. J.	17.9.17	"	9
C. 187/ R. E. A.	169904	McMINN ✓	Gnr. A.	18.9.17	"	10
15/M. G. Co. A. I. F.	10783408	HARRIGAN ✓	Pte. J. E.	19.9.17	Revised	11
29/Bty. 8/F. A. B. AIF.	19676	FAIRCHILD ✓	Dvr. A. G.	18.9.17	erected	12
12/Drt. 9. AFA.	29538	KEADY ✓	Dvr. J. F.	18.9.17	"	13
2/Aus. Pions.		FURWELL ✓	Lt. G. J.	19.9.17	"	14
1/Aus. Fld. Amb.	14362	NEILSON ✓	Pte. G.	"	"	15
1/Aus. Tunn. Co.	3656	NORTH ✓	Spr. T.	"	"	16
19/Bn. 2/Aus. Div.	6359	McRAE ✓	Pte. J. D.	"	"	17
22/Bty. 6/Bde. 2/Aus. D.	5656	PATTINSON ✓	Pte. A. J.	"	or	18
45/Bty. 12/Amy. Aus. FAB.	28149	MASSINA ✓	Gnr. C. J.	"	"	19
190/Bde. R. F. A.	46315	KING ✓	Sgt. F.	"	"	20
FLOT 6, ROW "C"						
27/Bty. F. A. B. AIF.	29604	JONES ✓	Bdr. G. A.	22.9.17	G. R. Ud.	1
248/M. G. Co.	99329	SCOTT ✓	Pte. W.	19.9.17	"	2
46/Bty. 12/A. I. F.	27763	BERRY ✓	Gnr. D. A.	25.9.17	"	3
2/41. M. B. R. F. A.	196283	TAYLOR ✓	Gnr. M. T.	"	"	4

(G. R. U. D. 70410 890)

Lance Corporal Ernest Harrison

Ernest served in the 9th battalion of Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment. He died aged 34 on 20th September 1917. He is remembered alongside 34,000 others in the largest Commonwealth Cemetery in the world - Tyne Cot in Belgium and were 11,954 soldiers are buried.

Before the war he worked in the docks as a dresser of coats - which may have some connection to horses or pit ponies. His parents John and Ann lived at 32 Bailey Street, while his wife Margaret lived at 39 Bailey Street.

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Stranton needs YOU

'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few', Luke 10:2

Partnership in Missional Church needs your help!

We are planning a weekly Drop-in session at St Matthew's Community Centre for people in the Elwick Road area to come along and enjoy an informal chat and company over a cuppa.

These sessions will run every Saturday afternoon, 2-4pm, from September until Christmas. We hope that with enough volunteers we will be able to have a rota with people only being committed to one session each month.

Are you available to leaflet drop in the streets off Elwick Road? We need helpers for this important advertising about Drop-ins.

For more information please speak to Norman, Mary Robinson, Barbara Butcher, Ann Courtenay or Steph Hill – or contact via Church Office.

Farewell to Lindsey



On Sunday 9th July the congregation said farewell to Lindsey, our Youth for Christ worker. She has been working in our children's and youth groups, plus working in Hartlepool schools for the past year, utilising her sport's coaching skills. In addition she was playing for Middlesbrough Ladies football-team where she was able to talk about her faith and spread the gospel.

She is now on holiday before returning to the States where she will continue her sport's coaching and embark on her Master's Degree.

We are grateful for all she has done here in Hartlepool and continue to pray for God to bless her and guide her in the future.

J.A.R.

Harvest Ceilidh Social

**Saturday 7th October 6.30-10pm at
St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road.
Tickets £2 & £5 for Family Tickets**

It will be a Faith Supper , please bring any drinks you wish. Tea, Coffee and Juice will be provided. More information later. Please make a note in your diaries. it will be a fun night for all.

Burbank Update July 2017

Foodbank – While line managing both the Coordinator and Deputy, I have found that the pair have a strong working relationship together. I have also heard from volunteers that this good partnership then makes for a good atmosphere of working together within the foodbank itself. The Debt Counselling Service is running well and the small team do work well alongside families while getting them out of debt.

We had our annual collection at Tesco, but Tesco had reduced it to a one day collection only. We collected about 650 kgs which is an average collection, so we were a little concerned about that. Then we had a call from Able UK. The Brent Oil rig they are dismantling was full of food - would we like it? We got 1,500 kgs of food, all in date, and all the types we were especially happy to receive - lots of tinned meats.

Ward Jackson School – There have been lots of changes within the school this last term. Also the amount of prayer for the school has increased and it needs to continue into the new term in September. Just one of the changes is the start of a new Head Teacher. Jan Brough will be leaving and David Ackers will be taking over in September. Quite a few other members of staff have also left and new teachers will be coming into place in September. One of those members of staff will be Angela who takes on a nurturing pastoral role.

If we do not get a new YFC person then Bridge Builders will not be able to run in the Community Centre, but we are in discussion with the school to run an after school club within school instead.

Church – I do have my concerns for church especially the drop in numbers. But alongside that we keep getting encouragements that we must continue. Even when there are only 10 of us we are still blessed by God.

Youth Work – We have been meeting with youth group leaders and a paper has been issued to PCC which gives an update to what is happening.

I have also been organizing another Safeguarding Course which will now run on November 11th 10:00am till 12:30pm and then 1:15 till 3:30pm. This is C1 and C2 training for 12 person minimum to 50 maximum people.

There is also need for a First Aid course to run again, the free course which has been advertised is not an accredited course and is not sufficient for what we do. So I will now book with a different organisation. I also did my first school assembly in Eldon Grove School a few weeks ago. After signing in on the computer they asked me to sit in reception area. The Assembly I could hear had started so I went back to office. They took me to the assembly, I walked in and they said, "over to you" - I was very glad I was prepared!!

Home group – I do run a small home group during the day on Mondays. We have noticed that there are a few others who might be interested in joining a new one, so Angela and I will look at trying to start a new one in September?

Explorers Camp – I am happy to say a few more from the Be Free group are coming to Explorers camp this year. Plus Oxford Road Baptists has had its usual good response and we have over filled our mini bus and are having to use two cars as well. A total of 25 people from Hartlepool are going this year.

Personal – I am just finishing my second year of Reader Training. I will start as an Ordinand in September. I have discussed with my tutor about doing a mid-week placement and also a placement based at Burbank. I will have to miss 6 weekends with all the training, plus a summer school trip and training. So am trying to avoid missing any more than that.

Clive

Message for all Youth & Children volunteers and leaders

An Important message from Clive Hall, Overseer for children and youth work: It has been compulsory to have Durham Diocese Safeguarding training for the last three years.

There is also a rule that **you need a refresher every three years!**

The last training we did was with Beth Miller, who was here in October 2014 - three years ago!

So this is for all people involved in youth and children work who need to update their certificate of training.

There will be a training day in **St Matthew's Community Centre on the 11th November from 10:00am till 3:30pm.**

This will be for all the C1 and C2 training that is required (all in one day!)

I need to have a list of people who are needing to attend this course.

So can you please book yourself onto this course by contacting Clive Hall on 01429 278504 or clive.hall7@ntlworld.com

Recipes

Old Fashioned Lemonade

Ingredients

- 6 lemons
- 1 cup white sugar
- 6 cups cold water



Juice the lemons to make 1 cup of juice. To make your labour easier, FIRMLY roll the lemons between your hands and counter top before cutting in half and juicing.

In a gallon pitcher combine 1 cup lemon juice, 1 cup sugar, and 6 cups cold water. Stir. Adjust water to taste. Chill and serve over ice.

Barbecue Marinades



1. Secret C marinade for chicken

The best thing you can do to chicken is to smother chunks of it in olive oil, lemon juice and garlic, but also add a sprinkle of cardamom and cinnamon. This will give your chicken a warmth reminiscent of the best Middle Eastern shawarma. Don't forget to season it well.

Be sure to use thighs to ensure the kebabs don't dry out on the barbecue. If you must use breasts, the longer you can leave them in the marinade the better – overnight is good. It might help if you cook the chunks in a moderate oven for 20 minutes and finish them off on the barbecue – that way you'll get a crisp outer layer while retaining moisture in the middle.

2. Oregano marinade for lamb

Lamb loves oregano. Again, the base of the marinade is olive oil, lemon juice and garlic. But a splash of red wine vinegar (if you have it) and fresh oregano will bring lamb to life. Thyme and rosemary also go well with lamb. These flavours will take you to the Greek taverna, especially if you cut the meat from a leg or shoulder.

If you can't be bothered to do this, cook a whole leg or shoulder on the barbie, but be prepared for it to take time. At least three hours on a low-to-moderate heat is probably about right and soaking the meat in the marinade overnight is essential.

Whether you make souvlaki or cook the joint whole, serving your lamb with tzatziki is a very good idea. You can buy good quality tzatziki in most supermarkets but it always tastes better if you make it at home with authentic (unsweetened) Greek yoghurt, lemon juice, chopped cucumber (with the seeds scooped out) and a generous portion of garlic and salt. A little bit of fresh chopped mint can be a lovely addition.

CELEBRATE!

August HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



to
Happy Birthday!

Lorelai Anderson
Steph Boyd
Michael Cartwright
Ruth Smith
Melanie Lee
Andrew Milner
Arthur Moore
Linda Southgate
Rohan Wanduragala
David Wilson

**Congratulations
on your
Wedding Anniversary**

Tim and Vikki Craig
Angela and David Craig

**Congratulations
Andrew and Jacqui
Rogers
on their 40th
Wedding
Anniversary**



**Congratulations
to David and Megan Robertson
on the arrival of Esther Grace
on July 2nd**

**Congratulations
to Angus Kerr and Chloe Bell
on their engagement**

**Congratulations on the marriage of
Rebecca Siddons & Christopher Dean
in August**

If you have something to celebrate we would love to share it - email
admin@stranton-church.org.uk
or phone 864006.

All entries to be in by the 16th of the month.

CELEBRATE!

September

Robert Clark
Karen Davison
Joan Herbert
Katie Herbert
Jack Hanlon
Mel Hutchinson



Congratulations
on your
Wedding Anniversary

Alan and Catriona
Robertson

Dates for the Diary

Dates for your Diary August & September

August

Tues 8 th	New beginnings,	7.30 Fulthorpe Chapel
Mon 14 th	Lighthouse Planning	7.30 venue tbc
Fri 18 th - Tues 22 nd	New Wine Inspire	
Sun 27 th	Lighthouse	10.30 Stranton

September

Mon 4 th	Standing Committee	7.30 The Vicarage
Wed 6 th	Buildings & Finance (new date)	7.30 The Vicarage
Mon 11 th	Lighthouse Planning	7.30 venue tbc
Sun 17 th	Messy Church	4.00 St Matthew's
Mon 18 th	PCC, with Rev Janet Burbury	7.30 Fulthorpe Chapel
Tues 19 th	New Beginnings	7.30 Fulthorpe Chapel
Sun 24 th	Lighthouse	10.30 Stranton

October

Sat 7 th	Harvest Ceilidh, St Matthew's	Community Centre
Sun 8 th	Harvest Services	

Sidespersons

	8.30am	10.30am
6 Aug	P Thompson	S Shepherd K Shepherd
13 Aug	M Hutchinson	G Webster K Webster
20 Aug	I Walker	F Endean A Craig
27 Aug	P Porritt	D Greenwood B Greenwood



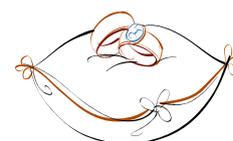
Baptisms

23rd July Lilianna Duke-Harris
 Hannah Wilson



Weddings

1st July Darren Ferguson & Joanne Weldon
22nd July Freddie Evans & Denise Swan



Funerals

6th June Irene Dixon
19th June Margery Ainsley
21st June Stephen Pounder
21st July Margaret Openshaw



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