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April 2018

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 **20th May 2018** and will continue to take place on the **Third Sunday of each Month**

Resurrection

At Easter we celebrate the fact that, having endured all the humiliation, hatred, hopelessness, rejection and pain that human wickedness can inflict, God's life breathed again in his Son, Jesus. When he had been manifested physically to his first followers to show that he was alive, God took him up, symbolically, to show that he was now with him in heaven.

Belief in his resurrection is common to all Christian believers. This is the reason the earliest Christians first took to meeting every Sunday morning – on the “third day” to look to the East, remember his resurrection and worship him. Every week we continue to celebrate it in word and symbol in the liturgy of the Eucharist. In that sense every Sunday is Easter Sunday.

But resurrection isn't some kind of magic trick nor is it that humans have become in some way immortal, which is an idea that comes from Greek philosophy, not Christian belief. The resurrection is about God who is the beginning and the end of everything, it is not something we can strive for or achieve without God. And God connected his eternal life with his beloved creature humankind, by becoming one of us himself and enduring everything a human can endure that gives for suffering and despair and death and hell. This is why the poor, the straightforward, the meek, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for God's righteousness and the peacemakers are particularly blessed in God's kingdom – because they find it easiest to understand through personal experience what God meant and what Jesus accomplished through his passion and death. It is not exclusively for religious people or people who are “like us” because we say we believe the right things. It is for anyone who finds and follows the Way of Jesus, the way of his cross; anyone who accepts God's gift of himself; and anyone who truly belongs to God's community on earth.

Over the season of Easter, seek to follow in his Way, give thanks for his inestimable forgiveness and love - and worship him for his glorious resurrection that he invites us to be part of.

Andrew Craig



MOTHER`S UNION

In the last few weeks the news has been headlined by the chemical poisoning in Salisbury of a Russian ex-spy, his daughter and also a policeman, who came to their aid. The earlier death of another Russian man (in the area where I previously lived) has also entered the 'who did it' debate. Our MU prayer diary around this time had been focussing on United Nations, as MU representatives holding consultative status, joined the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) in a debate. The theme centred on the 'Challenges and Opportunities and the Empowerment of rural women and girls'. The attention of the World has been on the chemical weapons incident with diplomats discussing this at the highest level.

Please remember to pray for the work of MU delegates in the Committees that don't grab the front pages, but are equally important in putting inequality right. A prayer entry during this time was simply Micah 4 v3. (Look it up!).

It was good to see so many of you at our March meeting. We focussed on Zacchaeus and his meeting with Jesus. Zacchaeus, although a tax collector - hated and despised because of his cheating and stealing ways – must have had something within him to want to see Jesus. When that meeting happened Zacchaeus was transformed and completely changed.

Thank you to all who came to our Soup Lunch. We were able to send £100 to the 'Make a Mother's Day Appeal' and also towards the MU London Marathon entrant. Many thanks to those who helped in the kitchen and serving on tables – also putting up the tables and chairs.

Our next meeting is on **April 9th** to celebrate Lady Day, which this year follows Easter. We will be in St Matthew's Community Centre Small Hall at 2.00pm. This is open to all Hartlepool MU members, plus any others who wish to join us in celebrating the Angel's announcement to Mary.

A peaceful and Happy Easter to you all. Please remember those who cannot be with us due to illness or needing care. Pray for our MU Sisters around the world who will share in the Easter sadness and joy with us.

God Bless

Ann Courtenay

From the Home Front

Praying is not as easy as it sounds really...

It involves commitment of time, energy and emotion. There are times when the list and variety of needs seems to be endless and to require frequent and repeated prayer. Answers to these prayers may be weeks or months, (even years) in coming – remaining faithful and positive can be hard and at times dispiriting!

Every so often answers are immediate – but even these can be totally unexpected – God does move in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. Answers can be jaw-dropping and totally surprising. Once, when we had no money to pay a gas bill and our prayers were quite desperate – whilst in the loo, I discovered an envelope within the sheets of paper in the toilet roll, which contained a £50 note – enough to pay the bill! (It was from a promotion pack that had been in the house for weeks, but emerged only when the money was needed!)

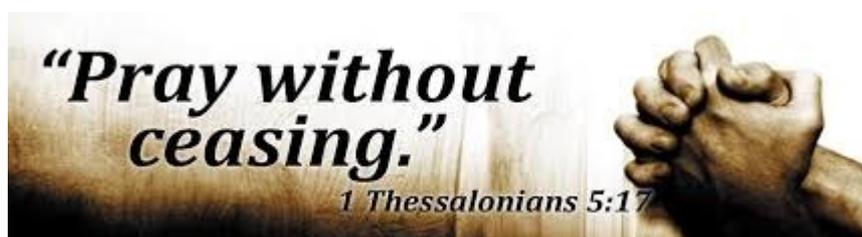
God has a sense of humour too and we need to be careful what we pray for! After months of prayer about our son and our strained parental relationship, I felt to pray in addition for a partner who would understand and encourage him and for him to find gainful employment. Within six months he had met just the right young lady - but he moved with her to her native China, where he quickly found a job he loved and got married... In addition living at the other side of the world he started to appreciate his parents much more and did not have the opportunities for disagreements ...

It has taken years of praying to understand that God's answers to prayers are what we need – not necessarily what we want. But with that realisation comes the knowledge that He knows best and that He will always bring something good from out of something bad, plus He will use every experience in the life of each person; nothing is wasted. 'Pray without ceasing' may seem impossible – but waiting at traffic lights, standing in supermarket queues, chopping food, weeding are perfect for simple repetition and arrow prayers.

Leading prayers in church services presents different challenges. The need to be flexible and relevant is paramount. Seeking guidance is useful – consulting with clergy, checking church calendars, listening to news both national and local, asking for prompts from the Holy Spirit and using published intercession guides make prayers appropriate and helps the congregation to relate and interact.

Intercessions in church and within prayer groups are not just challenging, but also rewarding and educating – bringing the intercessors closer to God through the Holy Spirit. An amazing and uplifting activity – give it a try and stick with it...

J.A.R.



Ward Jackson Primary News

Preston Park



Blanchland class had a great time at Preston Park Museum. We experienced what it would have been like to be a child in school during Victorian times. Then we were able to explore the Victorian street which included a blacksmith's, police station and a sweet

shop. Kian said, "In the Victorian times the teachers were really strict – thank goodness they are not anymore!"



World Book Day 2018

On Friday, we celebrated another wonderful World Book Day. It was great to see everyone make such an effort with some amazing costumes. We loved them all!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to come in and spend some time reading with the children and enjoy our Alice

in Wonderland themed afternoon tea made by Shirley.

Lunch was also World Book Day themed with Harry Potter's butterbeer, Boris Bogtrotters chocolate cake and spaghetti from



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. Everything was delicious apart from the giant turnip!

Matthew said, "My favourite bit was going in the hall and seeing everyone else's costumes. They were all really inventive and imaginative."



A place for outdoor reflection

The play shed has become a cosy place for reflection, for children to use during outdoor play. School Council chose some comfy outdoor cushions and colourful bunting to decorate the shed and take turns to take out a selection of books for people to read if they would like some quiet time. We are hoping to further develop this place of calm outside with plans for fairy lights and wind chimes.



Answers to Easter quiz on page 20

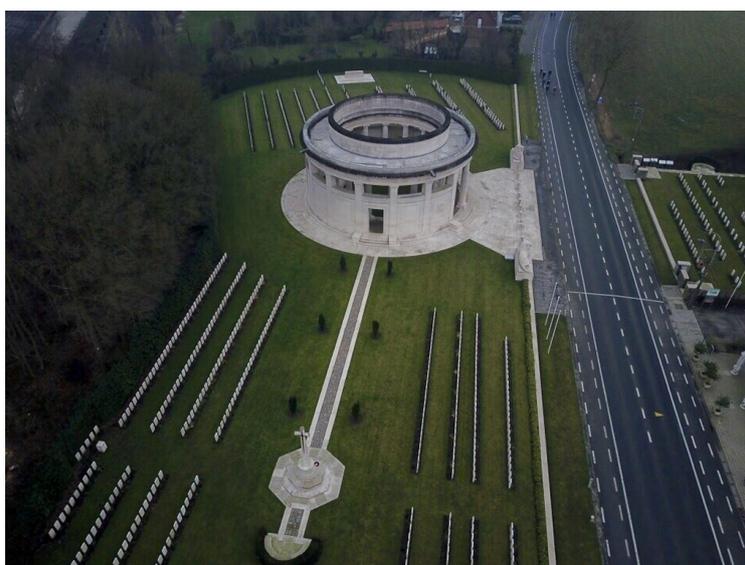
Answers: 1. False 2. True 3. True 4. True 5. False

Strantonians & The Great War

Mark Tose

Mark Tose, whose family lived at 40 Wansbeck Gardens, served in the Durham Light Infantry and was killed in action on 11th April 1918. He left a wife, Mary Elizabeth, who resided in Wolsingham, County Durham.

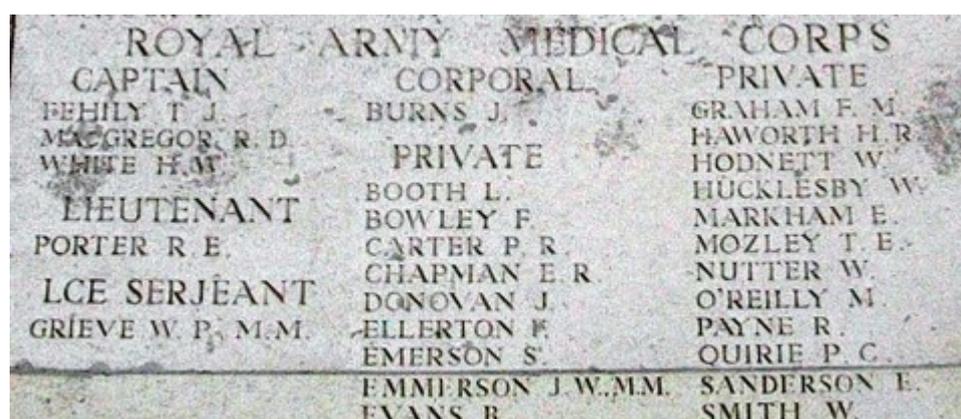
He is also remembered at the PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL



Private Stanley Emerson

The 1911 Census shows that Stanley was living with his widowed mother Esther and his six siblings at 28 Charlotte Street and that he was a stable boy working for the railways.

He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps, who carried out their duties unarmed and he would have seen the full horrors of war. Stanley died on April 1st 1918 and is also remembered at the PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL in Belgium





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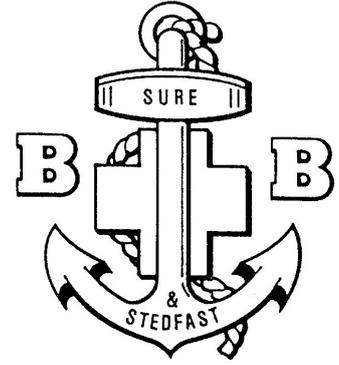
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Boys Brigade News

Hockey Champions

On Monday 12th March our Juniors took part in the Battalion Hockey Competition which was held at St Matthew's Community Centre.

We entered three teams and all played brilliantly, along with a combined team from St. Luke's & Westbourne. Our A team were the winners by 3 points to our B team.

We look forward to defending our trophy next year.

An Arresting Time

An Arresting Time was had by our Anchor Boys when we received a visit from our friends in the Hartlepool Police Force - PC Geoff Coggin and Community Officer Howard.

They showed us their uniforms, hand-cuffs, baton, swabs and evidence bags. Plus they answered a load of quick fire questions, including the classic, "Does Hartlepool have any serial killers?" - You can relax as the answer was a firm "No".

The Anchor Boys also made a teapot stand for Mother's Day – many thanks to Trish for helping us.

Future Events

April 27th - Open Night

June 9th - Summer Fayre

July 23rd – July 28th - Camp at Thornthwaite Scout Centre

If you have any bric a brac we are starting to collect for our Summer Fayre – please ring **George Bainbridge on 263149** if you need anything collecting.



Easter Facts

There are many interesting and fun facts about Easter. Some are common knowledge and others more obscure. Knowing this list of trivia facts will help answer Easter trivia questions, amaze your friends, and add to your knowledge of this interesting celebration.

Easter always occurs between March 22 and April 25.

Easter is a “movable feast” – one that is set according to the phases of the moon – so the dates are different each year.

It is believed by some that Easter was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eastre, whose symbols were the egg and the hare (rabbit).

More than 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are manufactured each year.

The first Easter eggs were coloured red, in memory of the blood Jesus shed during his crucifixion.

As of the writing of this article, the largest chocolate Easter Egg was created in Tosca (Italy). It weighed 15,873 lbs., 4.48 oz., and had a circumference of 64 ft., 3.65 in. at its widest point.

In the 13th century, the church prohibited the eating of eggs during Holy Week. Marking the eggs laid during the week began the custom of decorating eggs.

In Britain, certain foods are associated with the celebration of Easter: Hot Cross Buns, a Good Friday treat, contain raisins or currants and then topped by a glazed icing cross.

Roast lamb, the main dish at Jewish Passover, is the traditional meat for the main meal on Easter Day.

Simnel, a fruit cake with marzipan (sugared almond paste) on top and 11 marzipan balls representing the 11 apostles (not Judas, who betrayed Christ), served at tea time.

Easter Questions and Answers

As with many popular celebrations, symbols, customs, and methods of celebrating have been added through the years. There are also different symbols and customs in different cultures and countries. Our Easter questions and answers include the most common customs and information. See how well you can do, and test your friends and family as well. Answers follow each section of questions.

True or False

1. The word “Easter” appears in the Old Testament in the Bible.
2. A lamb is one of the symbols of Easter, as it was a sacrificial animal in the Old Testament.
3. The rabbit is an ancient symbol of fertility.
4. The egg represents “new life,” or the resurrection of Christ.
5. The most popular American Easter candy is the chocolate bunny.

Answers on page 8



Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins

- Coming Up - Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.
- All singles are invited to join us Friday at 7 p.m. for the annual Christmas Sing-alone."
- Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.
- Thursday at 5:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- The service will close with "Little Drops Of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly, and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" – come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight:

"Searching for Jesus."

- Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday. Please use the back door.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
- The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.
- This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.



A Blast from the Past! Recipes from Mary Baines

Mary Baines' Spring Recipes

Surprise Eggs

For 4 or adjust as required. Suitable for vegetarians.

4 large eggs - separated

4 tablespoons double cream

Salt & pepper

4oz grated strong Cheddar cheese

Whisk egg whites till stiff – divide between

4 individual baking dishes which have been well buttered or oiled

Make a deep depression with the back of a spoon in each dish & slip in an egg yolk

Cover with cream & season, then sprinkle with grated cheese on top

Bake in a hot oven 230C, gas 8 for 8-10 mins. Serve with crusty French bread



Date bars

1 packet dates

1x 250g pack rich tea biscuits, ginger biscuits or similar – crushed to powder

8oz block margarine

1 teacup sugar

2 eggs beaten

Vanilla extract

Chop dates, melt margarine & stir in a pan over gentle heat until dates are softened.

Add sugar & mix well

Remove from heat, add beaten eggs

Add crushed biscuits & vanilla extract to date mix

Press into a greased, lined Swiss roll tin. Chill in the fridge, then cut into squares. Keep in fridge.



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

Dates for the Diary

Dates for Holy Week, April and early May

March

Sunday 25 th	Palm Sunday	9.30am	Bacon Butties, St Matthew's
		10.30am	Lighthouse Parade Service, in Church
Monday 26 th – Monday 26 th – Thursday 29 th	Thursday 29 th Wed 28 th	6-7.15pm	Eggheads, St Matthew's
		7.00pm	Holy Communion, St Columba's
		7.30pm	Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday, in Church
Friday 30 th	Good Friday	10.00am	Family Worship, St Matthew's
		2.00pm	Hour at the Cross, in Church

April

Sunday 1st	Easter Day	8.30am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt
		11.00am	Burbank Community Church
Sunday 15 TH		10.30am	Joint service followed by APCM and shared lunch, in Church
Monday 16 th		7.30pm	Lighthouse Planning, The Vicarage
Tuesday 17 th		7.30pm	New Beginnings, Fulthorpe Chapel
Monday 23 rd		7.30pm	Buildings & Finance, The Vicarage

May

Tuesday 8 th		7.30pm	Standing Committee, The Vicarage
Monday 14 th			Clergy Visitation, Durham Cathedral



Joint Parish Consultation

The second Joint Parish Consultation between St Luke's, St Aidan's and Stranton Churches was due to take place on 22nd March, however this has been postponed due to the facilitator Shelia Bamber being ill.

So keep your eyes and ears open for when it is re-scheduled - please try to attend. It is important that we talk and discuss concerns and positives for the future of our church families together.



A Prayer as we seek God's future together

God of Hartlepool, Durham Diocese, the Church of England and the Universe:-

We pray for Your church.

We thank You for all that is good and holy;

For Your faithful congregations, the good news of the gospel, exciting mission opportunities and the privilege of worshipping You together.

We pray for the future of the Church in Hartlepool.

For the Parishes of St Aidan and St Columba, St Luke's and All Saints Stranton with Burbank Community Church:

We know we are safely held in Your hands.

We want to know your will:

That Your Name would be glorified,

That people will meet Jesus in this town,

and that Your church would grow here.

Lead us and direct us, give us ears to hear Your will,

and hearts to respond in love for You and one another.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Sidespersons

	8.30am	10.30am
1 April	B Butcher	F Endean A Craig
8 April	M Hutchinson	S Shepherd K Shepherd
15 April	No Service	D Greenwood B Greenwood
22 April	P Porritt	F Endean A Craig
29 April	P Thompson	S Shepherd K Shepherd



Baptisms

11 March	Jacob Daniel Rudd Oliver Scott Richardson Edward Marshall
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Funerals

28 February	Mary Skirving
9 March	Edith Totty
13 March	Marion Watson
22 March	Norma Cuthbertson



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