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October 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 **21st October 2018** and will continue to take place on the **Third Sunday of each Month**

Dear friends,

I am really encouraged that the proposals for the three parishes: Stranton, St Luke's and St Aidan's with St Columba's working together are now almost complete. The proposals published last month have been revised in the light of feedback and I anticipate that all three PCCs will approve the proposals over the next month.

A key part of the latest proposal is that it names our vision and values as a 'Group' of parishes. So the document talks about

'One Family, three parishes'

In my mind this is a really good starting point. We are one family, united in Christ, all part of the Church of England. We are also three parishes. Within the group each parish will have an equal say about how we take things forward. Within the group we will need to work by consensus seeking the best solutions for us all.

Our key values are also named. **Mission** is the clear priority. In sharing the Kingdom with those on the margins and growing the Church by making new disciples we value much of our work that is already happening. **Growing Together** is about collaborative working between and within the churches. Our church communities really doing stuff together – worship, fun, mission – all rooted in God's love. Finally **Unity in Diversity** is a really significant third value. We need to find ways of celebrating the distinctive traditions of the 3 parishes within a united love of God and sense of prayerful life and mission.

As we set out on this journey together our destination is not yet clear. But I hope and pray that together we may discover something of God's promised future for us all.

Norman Shave

MOTHER`S UNION

Welcome to Autumn! I'm afraid I'm writing this wearing a fleece and considering turning on the heating... I'm suffering the after effects of a bad cold and have just returned from a shopping trip to restock my fridge. The record breaking heatwave of the Summer past seems far away, but 'Xmas' is coming as the Range Store already has Halloween stock and "must have for Xmas" on shelves set up in the store! We do have good reasons to look forward to December 25th, but the joy, hope and blessings do get lost to many who celebrate what they call 'Xmas' as an excuse for a good party and over the top presents. My husband hated the use of 'Xmas' – he always said it took CHRIST out of Christmas. I hope this session of our Mothers Union meetings will focus on what Christmas means to us.

Our first meeting in September gave us the opportunity to meet Michelle our new curate. Michelle introduced herself and with grace and humour she touched on times of her life when God really spoke and guided her along the path into priesthood. We really enjoyed having her with us and hope she will be able to join us often. Please pray for her and Trinity, her daughter, as they settle into Hartlepool. Please remember Michelle's Mum too as she has been unwell.

At that meeting I gave out special prayer cards from Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. If you would like one I have a few left.

Our Quiet Day was held in the Church at Greatham where we joined with the St Luke's Branch of MU. Pam Harding had prepared this time focusing on Women of the Bible, using passages about Deborah, Abigail, Esther, Anna and Martha. Then a talk which contrasted the role of women in Biblical times with the supposed liberation of women today. Quite thought provoking. Afterwards we had a lovely tea. Many thanks go to the Greatham Ladies for making us so welcome.

Our Christmas Lunch this year will be on Monday 17th December at the Marine Hotel, Seaton Carew at 12.00. I have the menu and will collect choices at our next meeting. The cost will be £12:50 for 3 courses.

Families First Magazine has changed the way we pay for it. Please fill in the form that came with the magazine and then send your payment individually to them. I suggest a cheque. Thank you.

Our last song at our September Meeting was "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?" I felt this was very apt as we are still "Following in the footsteps of Mary Sumner" – and she was definitely following in the "Footsteps of Jesus". Our next meeting is on Monday 8th October at 2:00pm in the Asda Room in St Matthew's Community Centre. I do hope you will be there.

Please pray for your fellow members and remember those who find it difficult to be with us. Sylvia Smith is still in hospital, please remember her family at this worrying time.

Now that Autumn is here let's enjoy it remembering "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness".

Love from

Ann Courtenay

From the Home Front

The best way to get over the passing of Summer, particularly a wonderful one such as this year, is being rushed off my feet with the fruits of Autumn. The last couple of weekends and many evenings, have been occupied with the amazing fruit crops. We have picked juicy plums to make jam, cakes, to freeze, cook and also made plum gin - as well as giving away many to others. We



have collected windfall cooking apples (my lawn is carpeted with more after the recent gales, all needing to be collected). They will go towards as many puddings and cakes, as recipes I can find over the coming weeks, plus apple jelly. A gift of crab apples has also been made into jam. My hubby has picked plump brambles on his dog walking trips which have been added to crumbles and porridge. With the help of my Chinese students we picked about half the crop of elderberries on the trees in our garden (7kg!) and spent a whole evening stripping them from their stalks. They have been boiled into jam (delicious with lamb, mutton or game birds), plus making elderberry gin and vodka liqueurs: and even freezing some! In addition I have been given green beans, beetroot, cabbages, marrow, courgettes and huge onions from the excesses of vegetable plots and allotments!

God's harvest has been plentiful this year despite the late snow and frost and then the long hot dry spell. God tells us repeatedly how much He cares for every one of us and how He will provide for our every need. Yet at times we doubt Him because things seem to be going 'wrong'. But He is the God of the impossible and through faith we receive His bountiful blessings. So this Harvest time give thanks to God for all His goodness – sing, dance and give praise in whatever ways you can, just to show our Father how much we appreciate this amazing love.

J.A.R.

What is a Resource Church?

In simple terms a 'Resource Church' in the next few years will be a church that is resourced for mission and outreach. This is a term that we are likely to hear more about over the next few years. The story so far:

A few years ago the central church, the Church Commissioners, changed the way to fund parish ministry. They reduced the amount of money that is given directly to the dioceses across the country to support day to day parish ministry. Only 50% of the funds are now allocated in this way. In Durham we continue to benefit significantly from these funds because they are given to the poorest and most deprived areas of the country and we are one of them.

The other 50% is now available through a bidding process and is only available to churches who seek to grow disciples and ultimately congregations. Within the diocese of Durham the plan is to create a number of resource churches. The first bid is now at the second stage and if things go to plan the first six resource churches will come on stream in January 2019.

A second bid is being prepared for January 2020 and the bid from Hartlepool is planned to form part of the overall bid. The plans are for the resource church to be within the central Hartlepool group. Whichever parish is selected it is important to realise that this church will be resource hub for mission across the group and indeed the deanery. In our group there is some great work going on with families and children, our schools, through St Aidan's kitchen and with refugees and asylum seekers. We will need to work with the nationally agreed criteria, but the opportunity is to gain significant funding for mission and church growth in our town. Watch this space for more news as things develop.

Norman

St Matthew's Community Centre

St Matthew's Committee are looking for new members to join our team. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1.30pm in the Asda Room in St Matthew's Community Centre.

If you are interested in helping with all matters involved in the smooth running of the centre, please contact B. Butcher, tel 01429 298241 or C. Laud tel 01429 290290.

Hazel Roberts - 1955-2018

Hazel Anne Clark was born in Darlington on 24th September 1955, where she grew up with her two brothers and went to school. The family lived above her father's barber shop in North Road. When she left school she went to work in the offices of Cleveland Bridge, which was where she met Derek Roberts, who worked in the engineering design office. Their liking for each other was not dimmed when Hazel joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, the WAAF, which took her away from Darlington. As Derek was also working away from home a lot, their courtship involved writing a lot of letters, but they got there in the end. Hazel resigned from the WAAF and they were married at St Cuthbert's Church Darlington on 1st February 1975. They stayed a couple of weeks with Derek's mother, but then moved into their first home in Keswick Street here in Hartlepool before, after about 5 years, taking up residence in Wansbeck Gardens, which was her home for the next 36 years. Hazel and Derek had two children, Gary and Sally. In time Gary gave them 3 grandchildren, Aaron, Lacey and Elden.

For most of her working life, Hazel worked part time as a schools meals supervisor or, as she put it, a dinner nanny. This allowed her time to support her children and, in 2007, she retired early so as to be able to visit Gary and his family more often in Guernsey. In earlier years she was a regular visitor at the library and she read a lot.

After she was married Hazel's family-in-law adopted her wholeheartedly as one of their own. Because Derek continued spending time away with his work, she and his mother Hilda developed a close relationship. In fact when I first got to know them and for many years I assumed that Hilda was her mother and not her mother-in-law. As part of a close extended family, they went to the NALGO Club twice a week and she enjoyed family holidays, birthday parties and some memorable New Year parties with a piano accordion and charades organized by her father in law.

Here at Stranton Church Hazel and her mother in law did many things together, baking cakes for the coffee mornings at St Matthew's and singing in the choir. Hazel helped lead the Rainbows and ran the tuck shop for the Boys Brigade. She enjoyed knitting, baking and making crafty things to sell. Over the years she was ever present at the fairs

and other social events. She also became a mainstay of Stranton's choir, there every Sunday with her friends even when the choir was not always needed. She was sad about the final decline of a robed choir, even though it coincided with Hazel's mobility becoming more and more restricted as arthritis took hold and knees and then hips needed replacing. Within the family, Hazel was, as her sister in law Heather put it, a support system, looking after not only her own children and grandchildren when needed, but her nephews and nieces, her father in law and then her mother in law in their declining years.

Hazel was never afraid to speak her mind. When something seemed to be unfair; or if she had a view on what was going on, she would make sure you knew about it. She knew her own mind and could come over as stubborn, but she never dwelt on matters or bore a grudge.

Over the last 4 years her horizons reduced as treatment for her arthritis compromised her energy levels and she had to stop driving. Mobility became more of a problem. She endured pain and ill health, but she never complained about it or felt sorry for herself. This impressed me when I visited her in hospital – although she was looking forward to Derek retiring, she wasn't preoccupied with her own problems. She believed and prayed for God's help.

I can say with confidence that Hazel has died in God's love which is the love that I pray we will all grow in and the love that is there for her family and for this family at Stranton Church which she belonged to for so many years.

So let us pray and give thanks for Hazel, for her life and the good times she shared here – and pray for Derek and his family as we share their sense of loss; but also give thanks to God for his promise to Hazel and to all of us, the hope of eternal life in him that he makes to everyone who will receive him and go in his way.

Rev Andrew Craig

Farewell to Bishop Mark and Elisabeth Bryant

The weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of September 2018 will be remembered long into the future in the diocese of Durham as it was the weekend where it formally said farewell and thank you to The Rt Revd Mark Bryant for his ministry as Bishop of Jarrow over the last eleven years.



At services at Durham Cathedral, Bishop Mark said his first goodbyes at the annual Readers Service on Saturday 22nd and then the whole diocese gathered on Sunday 23rd to be part of his last Eucharist and to wish him and his Wife Elisabeth a fond farewell.

Recovery Choir who sang “You’ll Never Walk Alone”



People from all over the Diocese filled the Cathedral



ARMISTICE DAY 2018 – “RINGING REMEMBERS”

In 1914, at the start of World War One, Stranton Church had a team of dedicated bellringers who would, like now, ring the bells for services. Then, like most churches in the country, many of the men went off to the war and, following a government decree the bells fell silent.

Of the many millions of men and women who perished in that horrendous war, 1,400 were known to be bellringers. Their names are displayed on a plaque in St Paul's Cathedral. The names of those who rang in the Durham and Newcastle dioceses are, likewise, displayed in Newcastle Cathedral.

During the last 4 years, we in Hartlepool and around the country have been remembering our fellow ringers who were killed during the war. We have rung the bells in their home tower on the centenary of the day on which they fell. Our thoughts and prayers have been with them and their loved ones while we have been ringing.

On November 11th 1918 the armistice was declared and on that same day in 2018 bells will ring around the World in an event named “Ringing Remembers”. Not only will bells be rung to celebrate the armistice but to remember all those who were affected by the First World War. As already said, 1,400 bellringers were lost and as part of “Ringing Remembers” there has been a concerted effort around the UK and in other countries to recruit and train 1,400 new ringers. As this is written, over 1,200 recruits have registered and we are confident that the target will be reached in time for November 11th and those recruits will also ring bells in celebration.

We in Hartlepool hope to take part on November 11th as follows:

To ring bells half muffled at St Aidans, St Oswalds and Stranton for their morning services of remembrance. The bells will also ring half muffled at Christ Church (Art Gallery and Tourist Information Centre) before the civic service of remembrance at 11am.

Then at 12.30pm we hope to ring at all three churches. This time the bells will have their muffles removed as we will be ringing in celebration of the armistice.

*They do not grow old as we who are left grow old,
We will remember them.*

Andrew Kaye, Stranton Tower Captain & Andrew Frost

Ward Jackson School Children use their imaginations - big style!

EVACUATION



Last week, both Aurora and Blanchland children were surprised to learn that they were to be evacuated!

Neville Chamberlain had declared war against Germany and to protect our children, they were to be sent away to the country.

Billeting officer, Beatrice Bunty-Brown, struggled but managed to find a home for all of the children at Mavis' farm.

What a delight that was when the children learned they'd have to sleep amongst the sheep!

Alien Invasion!

This week the children in Norlina Class had to become detectives when strange objects and footprints suddenly appeared in the classroom. They enjoyed taking photographs, measuring footprints and drawing the clues. All the evidence points to an alien crash landing. The children are continuing their investigations over the next few days!



Laughter for the third age....

- Whoever said that diamonds are a girl's best friend never owned a dog.
- An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor who sent him to be fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect.... Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times already!"
- The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- I don't have to worry about who doesn't like me... I'm too busy loving the people who love me.
- Ageing is when you hear 'snap, crackle and pop' before you get your breakfast!
- OK , so what's the speed of dark?
- A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it!
- Fortune teller – 'Your husband will meet a violent end..' Client – 'Will I be convicted?'
- Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?
- Customer to IT helpline: Hi, this is Martha I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it front of the computer monitor but, but the computer still says he can't find it!
- It's amazing how young grandparents seem to be – once you become one....

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Back in Tanzania

Posted on August 30, 2018 by festoandgrace

We have been back in Tanzania just over a month and in many ways it feels like much longer. We praise God because we came home to a fairly peaceful school and home. It took me about a week to get our house feeling like home; unpacking, putting back the things we had put into storage, fixing the things that had been broken in our absence (well it is not all fixed yet but we can operate in the house). I then had a week in the office to get my head around what had passed in the last four months before heading to Dar es Salaam to collect our next volunteers. But before I go on any further...

Following Jesus takes courage, it takes persistence, it takes perseverance, we need to encourage each other in our faith TODAY and we need to hold on to the confidence we had when we first believed. Lets ask together:

Loving Father who can I encourage Today and Lord will you please bring one of your faithful to encourage me today too. Amen

The final stop before we flew back to Tanzania was our beautiful commissioning service held at Holy Trinity St. Austell, it was a very blessed time and we felt full up on God, renewed, refreshed and restrengthened in our faith ready for all God has for us to do here at St. John's. We were greatly encouraged too by the many friends that came from St. Austell and other supporting churches and stayed for lunch to hear more about our work in Tanzania. Thank you.

This is the beautiful sunset we saw on arrival back in Tanzania. We were on our way to a little hotel with a little pool where we could rest for a couple of days before the long drive back to Kilimatinde.



Just two weeks after arriving back I headed back down to Dar es Salaam to meet our next volunteers. Silvie and Joella from DMG Germany, who will minister with us for 10 months. And Julie Fagan (Jeremy's mum!) who spent a week with us learning all about St. John's, to feedback to her boys and hopefully encourage them to make a visit themselves! Jonathon (Julie's son and Jeremy's brother) through the Ten Percent Trust is one of the supporters of our sponsorship scheme.

Festo has spent a lot of the last month catching up on how things are at school and on our farm. He was disappointed to discover that the young men who should have been harvesting on our farm didn't harvest the choroko (Cowpeas), and so that crop was wasted. A shame as the harvest from the farm goes to pay their school fees. However at school things had been run well during his absence by Madam Lubarisho our deputy head and the school management team. Last week, however, we received some disappointing mock exam results for form four so he is now working hard with staff and students to bring the grades up. Oh dear and he

has just walked in and told me that he has discovered that someone is stealing our pigs at least 3 in the last night.

I have been working with our new volunteers, inducting them into the way of life here and teaching Swahili. A lot of my time has also been spent planning some events coming up in September (which I expect the next blog will be full of). We are doing some teacher training for the primary and Nursery school and will have a trip to Bunda, Mara Diocese, where I worked in 2010/11 to visit the Nursery/Primary/Secondary Schools there to see what we can learn from them. We also have our Mothers Union Annual gathering in September where all the MU groups come together, the choirs sing and there is bible teaching. I will be speaking on Zumm. There is a lot happening so watch this space.

During the summer via facebook we gave out a challenge to our friends to go without something simple like Starbucks/Costa, icecream, or wine/beer for a week and to donate the money to our Primary School building project instead. We raised £550!! If you didn't see the facebook post and are interested in taking part, donations can be made through our [Justgiving page](#) or contact us for other options. We thank God for His might as we have raised the money for the foundations and we have been gathering the stone and sand etc that we need. Thank you to everyone who bought something from our Rift Valley Craft stall during our church visits we raised £1130, we bought an over locker for our sewing classroom (in Lid!!) for £130 and the rest is helping us with putting electrics in the sewing classroom and the primary school foundations.

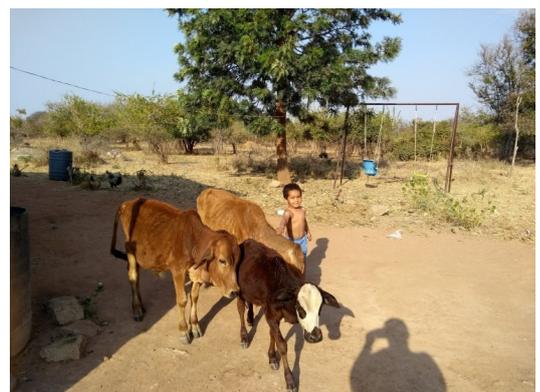
We do need prayers for the registration of the Primary/Nursery School. When we left for the UK it looked as if it should all be fairly straight forward, however it turns out that this is Tanzania and the road is never without potholes and speed bumps! We need God's favour with the government officials involved and His grace that we would face no more interference.

Form Fours Celebrating their Christian Union Teachers at their last CU meeting before they leave the school.



An afternoon spent playing on the rocks near our house.

Like Father like son (above). Below is a different story.... we all love Frozen, right?



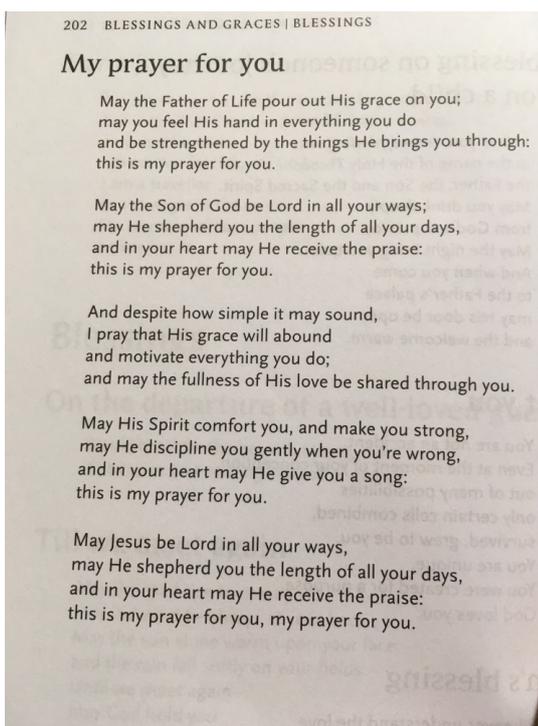
The bowls/baths were out for our children to have a wash, already with lovely warm water in, but they were a bit slow in getting ready and some other friends beat them to it.



Last Saturday at the Pool in Dodoma, a needed break for all us of and a really lovely day. Karen had never been to the swimming pool before but she took to it something like the Ducks in the previous pictures and spent more time in the water than anyone else. William also enjoyed the water more than he normally does. Woohoo!

So dear friends we ask you to pray for us, for the registration of the primary school and the building works. For the needed dormitories for the secondary schools and improved results by the time the form fours sit their exams. For all the opportunities over the next month to share the gospel of Christ and see people grow in their faith in him. We also ask you to continue to pray for us. We have now raised 81% of our budget with CMS, God is slowly bringing it in for us but we need to reach that 100% mark.

And finally! After all our worrying and because of your many prayers, please join us in praising God as Zephaniah and William have gone back to school here in Tanzania happily and are enjoying it!!!! Wow God is Great!





Boys Brigade News



Camp 2018 2 Boys on trial - found guilty and sentenced

Relax!!!

This was all part of a visit to Ripon Court House and Prison Museum. During the visit a trial was recreated from the 1830's when two men were accused of stealing a joiner's tools. They were found guilty, one was given a month in prison and the other sentenced to seven years hard labour in Australia.

Other highlights of our Camp included paintballing, games, team challenges, caving at White Scar Caves, river exploration and trips to Brimham Rocks and Bolton Abbey.

Our devotions were based on The Objectives of the Boys Brigade

The New Session

Camp is now just a memory and we are going to start some more exciting events. We have room for new starters in all sections:

Anchor Boys every Friday for those in School years 2 & 3 - from 6.00 – 7.00pm

Juniors every Monday for those in school years 4, 5 & 6 - from 6.30 – 8.00pm

Company every Friday for those in school years 7 plus - from 7.15 – 9.00pm

All meet at St Matthews Community Centre.

Important dates

Sunday 14th October - Bacon Butty & Harvest Festival

Saturday December 1st - Christmas Fayre

You can find more information on our face book page

George Bainbridge

Strantonians and The Great War

Although the war was soon to end this was the month in which Stranton suffered its most deaths!

Private Charles Robson was a father of three. He served in the Durham Light Infantry and is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, which is the second biggest Commonwealth Cemetery in Belgium.

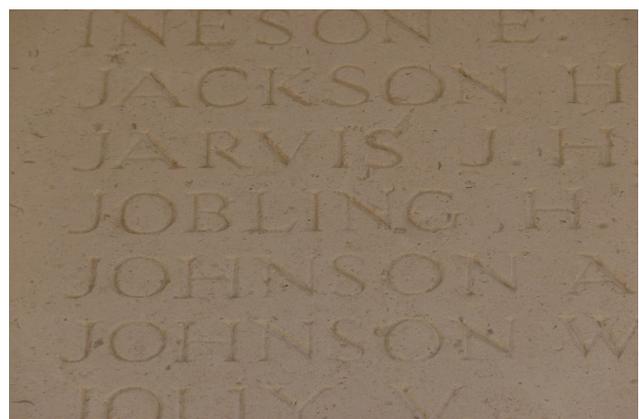


Lance Cpl Charles Henry Hall lived in 17 Baden Street. There is a tablet erected to him in the Jim Thompson Room at St Matthews Community Centre. It was originally from Stranton Mission Church in Burbank Street

His promotion must have been very late as the Commonwealth war graves web site record him as private

C.H.Hall.

It is interesting to note that a Lad's Bible Class was being run at the mission in his boyhood. He was 19 when he died.



Private Harold Jobling joined the the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and took part in the advance in Picardy and Artois, which is between the Somme and Loos. He was killed on the 4th October 1918. He is remembered at the Vis-en Artois Memorial along with 9,000 other men.

Skydive for Foodbank



Well done to the four brave Foodbank trustees and supporters - Clive Hall and son Ben, plus Angela Carrick and Susan Atkinson, who took part in a sponsored tandem Skydive on Saturday 1st September to raise money for Foodbank. The need for food has outstripped donations recently, due to an increase in numbers since last year, so additional funds were needed to buy the extra food required.

The Foodbank has provided more than 8000 meals to 2630 people (814 were children). There is increased demand as more families seek support, which means bigger food parcels and that puts a strain on food stocks. Financial support enables Foodbank to buy in the food of which they are short, plus support other projects like the debt centre.

The Skydive hoped to raise £1600, but this has already topped £2000 and money is still coming in....

Thank you to everyone who supported them.

Burbank Report September 2018

Ward Jackson School – We are starting a new after school event. The first one will be on 9th October and second on 4th December. It will be a mixture of church volunteers and school staff. We have asked the cook to make a finger buffet for us and I have applied for a Micro grant to help towards the cost of the project.

We continue to have a prayer meeting in school twice a month at 8:00am. I would say this feels like an important thing to be doing for the school. There are 5-6 people meet each time.

I continue to do 2 worship slots in school each term. Norman and Julie also do 2 slots as well. Angela has been asked to lead worship once a week this term.

Church – We had a church meeting two months ago to discuss what church members feel about the Burbank issues at the moment! People do want to continue with Burbank Church. We did feel we could not sustain church over the summer period so we joined with Stranton services during this time.

The Home group with 5 people from Burbank and 1 from Stranton (not including Angela and myself) ground to a halt over busyness of people's diaries and work commitment. We are going to try to re-establish this group this month. I do continue to run a small house group on Monday afternoons.

Bridge Builders – towards the end of the term Angela found trying to be the main role for this group a step too far. So I have taken over as the main leader for this group. I will work with two people from YFC itinerary group. Angela will still come along but not weekly. I have also encouraged a mum from the estate to help me lead the group. She is in the middle of sorting out DBS and references.

YF - Jordan and Chloe Thornhill have now "stood down" as leaders. So we have been looking for more volunteers. Peter Hart has agreed to help on some weeks and I am also going to be helping as well. There is also a volunteer from Stranton and we are working on her references and DBS forms. We are organising a trip to Durham Cathedral who do a youth night called The Pulse. They are having the world's biggest escape room that night!!

Community – With the help from the American Mission team we painted The Burbank Community Centre's main hall. The new manager of the centre was very happy with what we did. He is starting to get service providers into the centre which he hopes will help people of estate. He said to me " I can see how you have been effective on the estate and I feel I do not want to charge you rent for this first year"

I have been attending some resident meetings and we have been trying to get people interested in joining the group. No one was willing to commit to joining the group so the resident group will close. They do have some money they are going to pass on and Bridge Builders MAY be one of the groups it supports.

Explorers Camp – This year we had a drop in numbers going from Oxford Road Baptist. But we then advertised the Camp to Rev Maggie Vigor home church group and they sent 5 youth along to the camp. They all enjoyed it and say they are coming again next year. One of them became a Christian on camp and others stood

who wanted to grow in their faith with God. We will be organising a Camp Launch trip on the 20th January. Plus taking a mini bus of people down to Huddersfield for a reunion.

Inspire – Angela and I really enjoyed going along to Inspire New Wine Conference. The teaching was great and worship wonderful. Next year they are moving it to two weeks in Peterborough. We will be booking for the second week 4-10th August, I would recommend this week to Stranton Church members to attend. You can of course go to a hotel if camping is not your thing.

Personal – I have had my first IME training which was about how to work well with your training incumbent. The fact I have been doing that for years made it an enjoyable evening and much better than lectures!

I have been observing funerals since being ordained and in the last few weeks I have been involved with Norman in planning and helping funerals alongside him. I have also been leading and preaching at the 8:30am service at Stranton, which I am enjoying.

Foodbank – We have had a year of unsuccessful grant bids. Which is why Ben and I took part in the sponsored parachute jump - thank-you for all your support. Total not in yet but we are hopeful we will have raised £2,000 for Foodbank.

Matty Appleyard is starting as an intern from Grace Church this September. Plus 4 more volunteers from the church. They see this as a blessing Hartlepool people project.

Is this right or wrong?

That's Awl Rite

Eye have a spelling chequer,
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques for my revue,
Mistakes I cannot sea.
I've run this poem threw it,
I'm sure your plea's too no.
It's letter perfect in it's weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

A Blast from the Past! Recipes from Mary Baines

Borrowdale Tea Loaf

8oz SR flour
4oz raisins
4oz brown sugar
A little water

4oz currants
1oz mixed peel
1 egg

Place the fruit & sugar in a basin & barely cover with water – leave overnight.

Next day add flour to basin plus beaten egg and mix well

Put in a greased loaf tin & bake for an hour at gas 4, 190C on middle shelf.

Leave in tin until cool then turn out.

Will keep well & is best served buttered.



Date and Apple Square

1lb cooking apples peeled & chopped roughly
2oz walnuts or pecan nuts chopped roughly
4oz dates chopped roughly
4oz wholemeal flour
4oz dark brown sugar
1 tablespoon runny honey
1oz butter melted
1 egg beaten with pinch of salt

Put all into a basin and mix well. Grease 8inch square tin. Place mixture in and smooth the top.

Bake gas 6, 200C for about 30 minutes til golden brown. Serve warm with cream or custard.



CELEBRATE!

October HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to



Lydia Boyd
Rob Butler
Ewan Craig
Georgina Parvin Guerreiro
Joan Hill
Betty Hotham
Ken Shepherd
Will Spoons
Pam Stockton
Gehan Wanduragala
Jean Waller

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary

Peter & Maureen Anderson
Duncan & Trish Playfor
Clive & Angela Hall



If you have something to celebrate we would love to share it - email
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or phone 864006.

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

Dates for the Diary

Dates for October

Tues 2 nd Oct	7.30pm Standing Committee, The Vicarage
Sat 6 th Oct	7.30pm Organ Recital with Daniel Cook in Church
Mon 8 th Oct	7.30pm Lighthouse Planning, 40 Browning Ave
Tues 9 th Oct	7.30pm New Beginnings, Fulthorpe Chapel
Sat 13 th Oct	6.30pm -10pm Harvest Ceilidh, St Matthew's Community Centre
Sun 14 th Oct	Harvest Services 9.30am Bacon Butty breakfast, St Matthew's Community Centre 10.30am All Age Parade Service, Church
Tues 16 th Oct	7.30pm PCC, Fulthorpe Chapel
Wed 17 th Oct	1.30pm St Matthew's Committee, ASDA Room
Sun 21 st Oct	4.00pm Messy Church, St Matthew's Community Centre
Fri 2 nd Nov	PMC evening, Durham
Sat 3 rd Nov	9.30-3.00 PMC, Durham
Sun 4 th Nov	10.30am Stranton Sunday, United Communion Service in Church followed by shared lunch 6.00pm Civic Service featuring the Mayor's Annual Charities & English Martyrs' School Choir



Sidespersons

	8.30am	10.30am
7 Oct	B Butcher	S Shepherd K Shepherd
14 Oct	P Porritt	D Greenwood B Greenwood
21 Oct	M Hutchinson	J Lawson K Lawson
28 Oct	P Thompson	N Profitt A Craig



Baptisms

12 August	Jake Leon Thompson Elsie Elizabeth Duffield Faith Richards
2 September	Jacob Samuel Warnes Rory James Gilbraith



Funerals

17 July	Norman Elliott
2 August	Vera Bunnis
14 August	Fred Boreland
16 August	Carla Apte
7 September	Hazel Roberts
12 September	Paul James
17 September	Kenny Richardson
18 September	John Newcombe
21 September	Thomas Stockton
24 September	Frederick Walker



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