

Northstead News

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Church Anniversary

We celebrate our Church Anniversary slightly earlier this year, on November 1st. The actual anniversary is at the end of September, but it was decided in the early days of the church to move the Anniversary to November, to avoid clashing with Harvest.



All-age worship at 10.30 a.m. will be led by our minister, Rev. Emma Morgan, followed by a Sunday lunch of roast pork and a choice of desserts. Please sign the list on the noticeboard by October 25th, if you wish to attend.



Operation Christmas Child

Now is the time to be getting your shoeboxes ready for the annual Samaritan's Purse appeal. Leaflets are available both in the hall and at the entrance to church with more details, labels etc. In response to a question I was asked recently, sweets are accepted as long as they are wrapped and with a 'best before' date of at least March 2016.

Our shoeboxes will be blessed at the service at Wreyfield Drive on 22nd November. If you won't be there on the 22nd, please bring them to Northstead the previous week.

From our Minister

Psalm 96: 1 *Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November begins with All Saints Day, a time to remember those who've gone before us and those whom we regard as saints who are very much with us. One thing that helps me remember special events, celebrations and people is through our hymnody. Every church that I've had the privilege of being a member of and Minister to has had favourite hymns and songs. As I continue to commit to learning and remembering your names, I am also enjoying learning new hymns and singing well known words to different tunes. Do please let me know your favourite hymns, why you like them and remember to include which church you usually worship at, so I can include them in the services I lead over the next few months.

Another way we show people we remember them is through our visits and our gifts. I have started knitting some Christmas angels, especially to give as gifts to those amongst our church families who are housebound. Thank you to those of you who have already shaken off the dust from your needles and begun making one. The pattern will be available in church and is also available on this website: www.christmasangel.net along with other information. The Tyneside Circuit covered the towns with angels and blessings during Advent and Christmas in 2014. If you would like to join in please do, size 9 (4mm) needles and double knitting wool. I shall be keeping my needles and wool on the go with me over the next month or so at a variety of activities in our churches as well as at home! While you knit, pray a blessing on the one who will receive it.

Let us sing new songs together, new songs with skills

whether rusty or skilled, and share the love of Jesus in simple ways so that 'all the earth' will sing to the Lord because they remember they are loved.

With love in Christ,

EMMA.

Our Mission

We are called to be a worshipping, welcoming, praying and caring Christian presence within our community.

Our mission is to serve God and our community by :-

- enabling people of all ages and abilities to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus through worship, teaching and example
 - raising awareness of poverty, cruelty and injustice, and taking appropriate action to relieve them
 - and promoting peace between all God's people.
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Harvest Festival weekend

Our thanks to all those who made our Harvest Festival so enjoyable and successful. The concert given by the Celebration Choir was a delight, as was the buffet supper afterwards.

The Church looked beautiful on Sunday, thanks to the efforts of those who had given their time to decorate it. Thanks too for all your gifts for the Rainbow Centre, which will help them to show the love of God to those who use the foodbank.

The collection for the All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development Fund) appeal totalled £ 302. There will be a collection box for All We Can permanently at the back of the Church.

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

God of justice and peace,

We pray for those who have been injured
or disabled through war.

For those who have lost homes
and security through conflict,

for those who have lost loved relatives and friends in wars,
for those who face danger and take risks for peace,
for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts,
for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.

God of encouragement and Saviour of the despairing,
comfort those who remember past sacrifices
and guide us in building a just and peaceful community for all.

Amen.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair this year is on Saturday, November 28th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served in the small hall and there is no admission charge.



There will be all the usual stalls—Cakes and provisions, Chocolates, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac and books, Gifts, Cards and Fairtrade. If you are able to help on a stall, or would like to have a stall of your own, please see Ann Maynard.

Any saleable items can be left in the box in the church entrance from the 1st November. If you wish to order specific boxes of chocolates, please have a word with Ann.

Help with setting up tables and sorting goods on the Friday evening from 8 p.m. will be greatly appreciated



Coffee at Scalby

Our Scalby friends will be holding their monthly Coffee Morning on Saturday, November 14th at 10 a.m. This month it will feature the Celebration Choir, supporting the First Light Trust, helping local emergency and armed services.

As usual, there will be Cake, Fairtrade and Book stalls, and everyone is welcome.

Advent Bible Study

Advent Bible studies will be taking place at Northstead on Friday afternoons from November 27th to December 18th from 1.30 to 3 p.m. They will be led by student minister Christine Sutherby,

Worship events

Praise Midweek takes place at 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next one will be on 18th November. Refreshments will be served from 7.45 p.m. followed by a time of informal praise and worship, and everyone is welcome.

Messy Church this month is on Thursday, November 26th at 3.15 p.m. All are welcome for a time of food, fun and fellowship!

Saturday Lunch

Our next Saturday lunch will be on November 7th. Coffee will be available from 11 a.m. and bacon butties and desserts will be served from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

There will be a cake and Fairtrade stall, and all are welcome.

Next News

The next Northstead News will be issued around November 29th. Please pass any items to be included to Ros by November 22nd.

Our newsletter costs about 37p per copy to produce. Your gifts to cover this cost are always welcome.

Training Day

There will be a Circuit Training Day for Pastoral Visitors on November 21st at Burniston. Please attend if you can. This will be an opportunity for visitors to learn from one another, share good practice and explore the role together.

Films at St Mark's

Don't forget the monthly film nights at St Mark's Church. November's film, "Woman in Gold" will be on Tuesday 10th at 7 p.m.

There is no charge, but any donations will go towards the building fund. We look forward to seeing you.



Christmas Events

for those who like to get the dates
in their diaries!

December 6th, 6.30 p.m. - Churches Together
around Barrowcliff Advent service, St Mark's.

December 13th, 10.30 a.m. - Christmas Gift service and
Preschool Nativity.

2p.m. - Carol Singing with Wreyfield Drive
in residential/nursing homes.

December 16th, 6.30 p.m. - Christingle service.

December 20th, 12noon - Christmas lunch after morning service
6.30 p.m. - Carols by Candlelight.

December 24th, 6.30 p.m. - Family Carol Service,
Wreyfield Drive.

11.30 p.m. - Midnight Communion at Northstead.

December 25th, **10 a.m.** - Joint Christmas Day worship,
Northstead.

December 27th, 10.30 a.m. - Joint service, Wreyfield Drive.

Wednesday Fellowship

The Fellowship meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. for a short time of worship, entertainment, a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcome—men and women! The programme for November is :-

November 4th - Maurice and Sandra sing.

November 11th - Beneath the Waves,
with Louise Atkinson.

November 18th - Smiles for Tanzania,
with Derek Edwards.

November 25th - A Trip Abroad,
with Nigel Spencer.

Getting to Know You—Ruth's story.

I was born on 23rd August 1946 in Manchester. I lived in Timperley until I was almost 7, and my sister Cynthia was born there in January 1949. My dad, who went deaf at 5 from measles, had been a watch and clock maker and looked after the clocks in Dunham Hall. Because of his deafness he developed vertigo and tinnitus, and had to change jobs. He became a school caretaker at a new primary school in Broadheath, Altrincham, so we moved there in June 1953—Coronation month. My youngest sister was born there in July '53. I attended Altrincham Baptist Church and Broadheath Methodist Sunday School. There I met Mary when I was six, and we became lifelong friends. I helped my dad as caretaker from the age of 7, hence my knowledge of property. My mum, who had been an accountant, became school cleaner. I was on the boys football and cricket teams, quite unusual back then but as I was 5'8" at 11 it made sense! I then went to Sale Girl's Grammar School, where I represented the school at sport and did A level Eng Lit and RE. I became a librarian, a role I fulfilled for 40 years in Sale, Stalybridge and Scarborough.

Doug, who eventually became Mary's husband, also attended Broadheath and the Youth Club there. One night he brought his friend Pete to the youth club, and the rest, as they say, is history! We got married in August 1967, 3 days after my 21st. We have 2 children, Alison and Anthony, and 4 grandsons, Ryan (16), Luke (15), Cameron (12) and Ciaran (10).

I have many hobbies. I still teach some Sign Language, I love speedway and support Belle Vue Aces; football and support Manchester United and Scarborough, and am in the British Red Cross as a First Aider, Fundraiser and issue wheelchairs. And in my spare time I love walking with Cassie, our 19 month old Lhasa Apso, reading and colouring!

A suggestion from Anthea!

Ros is always pleased to receive items for the newsletter, so I would like to make the suggestion that we could offer a verse, prayer, poem etc, and have a regular spot from the Church family. I have always been a collector of such things. A piece which brings comfort, inspiration or peace may help another. I recently found a verse from a Roman Catholic hymn which I thought was lovely. Some of you may know it.

O the love of my Lord is the essence of all that I love here on earth.

All the beauty I see he has given to me and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment have been blessed by the strength of his love,

At the turn of the tide he is there by my side, and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence, and I've walked other paths, other ways,

But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame, and his mercy was gentle as silence.

Estelle White.

Ladies'Circle

Our Ladies' Circle meets on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. Meetings in November are:-

November 3rd - Bob and Brenda Whitfield and Elaine Evans.

November 17th - Visit to China, with Ann Maynard and Chris Herbert.

From Dennis Stubbs

To all concerned

I have been treasurer/secretary of the Northstead Thrift Club since 2003, when interest rates over 7% made a worthwhile income for the Church. However, with interest rates at 0.5%, income from savings is down to around £ 20 for the past two years, which, if charged for, would not cover the cost of ink and paper to operate.

Because of this, I propose to close the account with the CFB of the Methodist Church at the end of October, in order to repay member's savings by the end of November, so that monies are available for the pre-Christmas season.

If contrary to the above, any member would like to take over and carry on further, I would be pleased to relinquish duties to whoever!

Yours truly,
Dennis.

SALT Official Shop Opening

Scarborough and Locals Together, a registered charity, started in 2012 to help the local community.

It accepts donations of clothing, books, bric a brac, DVD's and small items of furniture for sale in its shop, known locally as the SALT charity shop. Over £ 25,000 has now been given back to the local community from the shop's profits.

SALT moved into its present shop at Glayton Court, Falsgrave, in 2015 and is very pleased to announce that the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has very kindly agreed to officially open the shop on Monday, November 9th at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Regular Events

Alternate Mondays, 7.30 p.m.	Singing for Fun (2nd, 16th and 30th November)
Tuesday, 9.30 a.m.	Pop-in for Coffee.
Alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 a.m.	Ladies' Circle (3rd and 17th November)
Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.	Wednesday Fellowship.
6.15 p.m.	Brownies.
7.30 p.m.	Guides
7.45 p.m.	Praise Midweek (monthly, 18th November)
Thursday, 9.30 a.m.	Parents and Tots.
1.45 p.m.	Keep-fit Group.
3.15 p.m.	Messy Church (monthly, 26th November)
7.30 p.m.	Badminton Club.
Friday, 6 p.m.	Rainbows.
6.30 p.m.	Brownies.

Coffee, Prayer & Chat

Coffee, prayer and chat will be taking place fortnightly at Scalby Methodist Church, on Tuesday, November 3rd and 17th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Why not come along and join in?

Plass, Halligan and Plass on Tour

Westborough Church host a concert featuring Adrian and Bridget Plass and Rob Halligan, in association with Global Care UK, on Saturday, November 28th at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £ 6, from Ros Brewer, tel. 01723 369731, or email rosbrewer47@gmail.com Tickets will be available at the door, if not sold out!

Global Care supports vulnerable children, partnering local projects in desperate communities. For example, their 2015 Harvest Appeal aims to raise around £ 5000 to support the Houtberg Child Care Centre, Chipinge, Zimbabwe, by providing irrigation and security for a plot of land being developed as a vegetable garden, to supplement the chickens they have already provided. As well as irrigation for the crops, the project will also provide secure fencing to protect them from wild and domestic animals.



NICE WORK

Children's Page—for children aged under 100!

Word Search

The story of Noah and the ark is in Genesis,
chapters 6 to 9.

Noah's Ark



animals
Ararat
ark
covenant
dove

flood
Genesis
gopher
Ham
Japheth

Noah
rain
rainbow
raven
Shem

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Diary Dates for this month

- Sun. Nov. 1st 10.30 a.m. Church Anniversary all-age worship,
Rev. E. Morgan.
- 12 noon approx. Sunday lunch
- Sat. Nov. 7th, 11 a.m. Coffee
- 11.30 a.m. Bacon Butty lunch.
- Sun. Nov. 8th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Rev. C. Kirkman.
- Sat. Nov. 14th, 10 a.m. Coffee Morning, Scalby Chapel.
- Sun. Nov. 15th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Rev. R. Coles.
- Wed. Nov. 18th, 8 p.m. Praise Midweek.
- Sat. Nov. 21st. Training Day for Pastoral Visitors.
- Sun. Nov. 22nd 10.30 a.m. Shoebox service, Rev. N. Spencer,
Wreyfield Drive Church.
- Thurs. Nov. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Messy Church
- Fri. Nov. 27th, 1.30 pm. Advent Bible Studies start.
- Sat. Nov. 28th, 10 a.m. Christmas Fair.
- 7.30 p.m. Concert, Westborough Church.
- Sun. Nov. 29th, 10.30 a.m. Morning worship, Rev. E. Morgan.

