

Northstead News

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Worship Events



We continue to lead a short act of **worship at Eagle View** care home on the first Wednesday of each month, (1st February and 1st March) which is much appreciated by the residents and some of the staff. We meet there at 10.35am to share well known hymns, short bible readings and prayers. If you'd like to join us have a word with Ruth Dale.

Midweek Praise this month will be on Wednesday, February 15th at 8 p.m. when the theme will be "Love". Refreshments will be served from 7.45p.m.

Messy Church meets on Thursday, February 16th at 3.15pm (a week earlier than normal due to half term holiday) when we will be thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish builders - come along with your children/grandchildren or any random children you can round up and enjoy different ways of learning about a well known story.



Next News

The next Northstead News will be issued at the end of February. Please hand any items to be included to Ros by February 19th. Our newsletter costs about 37p per copy to produce. Your gifts to cover this cost are always welcome.

From our Church Steward

Anthea Purdy

In February we celebrate two festivals – Candlemas Day - the Christian festival of lights on the 2nd, and St Valentines Day - a celebration of love which has become very commercialized these days – on the 14th.

The festival of Candlemas commemorates the blessing of Jesus in the Temple 40 days after his birth, when the old man Simeon recognized him as the promised one who would bring light to the world. It became a tradition for the Church candles to be blessed on that day, recognizing the importance of light in our darkness which even the smallest candle can provide.

St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred after being caught marrying Christian couples, and helping those Christians who were being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. His day is marked by the giving and receiving of gifts as tokens of love.

As our year of celebration for our 50th Anniversary gets underway, perhaps we can take the two themes of light and love and try to bring these two great gifts to the community in which we live, in as many ways as we can, and into our fundraising for Yorkshire Air Ambulance and All We Can.

We are told that ‘It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness’ and in many small ways we can become lights to others.

One of the most loved and remembered passages of Scripture are St. Paul’s great words about love in 1 Corinthians 13, which end ‘And now three things remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.’

As we light our candle at the beginning of each morning service perhaps we can ask for the light and love of Jesus to be reflected in all our daily living.

Our Mission Statement

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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Creating Safer Space Module Training

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

Further dates available to attend this training:

- Saturday 4th February 2017 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Westborough
- Thursday 23rd February 2017 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Northstead
- Tuesday 7th March 2017 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sherburn (including BYO lunch)
- Saturday 18th March 2017 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Burniston

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. For further details and to book a place contact:

Christine Hughes tel. 355429 or email: nycmcircuit@gmail

Booking is essential – please do not turn up on spec!

Thank you

It seems a long time since Christmas but we still want to say thank you to all who helped in any way with decorating the church for Christmas, and dismantling and tidying up afterwards.



The post box, carol singing, Singing for Fun visits to Montrosa, 101 Prospect Mount Road and Orchard House, the Christmas lunch and Ruth and Pete's open house together raised £ 302 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the All We Can Ugandan clean water project - an excellent start to our 50th Anniversary charity fundraising, so a big thank you to everyone who contributed.

Lent 2017

I have happy memories of Pancake Days because we had pancakes, especially enjoying them with lemon juice and a little golden syrup.

It also means that Lent begins the following day and March 1st signifies Ash Wednesday and Lent 2017.

Do you like to challenge yourself during Lent? Sometimes I give something up, sometimes I start something, either of which I believe will be good for me and just maybe, it will also do good for someone else by making a difference.

Our President and Vice President this year are encouraging us to explore Holiness and Justice and how they affect the way we view the world and act in it.

How about joining a Lent fellowship and explore All Together for Justice with material prepared by All We can, one of our chosen charities for our 50th birthday year. The resources take inspiration from John Wesley's words:

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” The booklet gives us enough material for something for every day during the 40 days in lent; remember Sundays are not included.

We'll be meeting on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8.30 p.m. hosted by Harry & Anthea at 4 Renton Court, Givendale Road, led by Rev. Emma, and on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 3 p.m. at church, led by Ruth. Please join us on Tuesdays starting February 28th, or on Wednesdays, starting March 1st. For more details tel. 361214, or see the stewards or the notice board.

With love in Christ,

Emma.

Life Explored

Life Explored is an opportunity to explore the big questions of life in a friendly, relaxed environment, and learn about how Christianity responds to them. It consists of seven free sessions, featuring a meal, followed by short films from around the world, and interactive discussion.

It's an exposé of the little gods that promise us so much happiness, but deliver so little. As it explores the Bible story, Life Explored shows how our deepest desires can only be satisfied in Jesus. The best gift that God can give us is himself.

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to know about the Bible, you won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing, you can ask any questions or just listen, and all opinions will be welcomed and respected.

The sessions are on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Burniston Methodist Church.

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| February 8th | — | The good God |
| February 15th | — | The trustworthy God |
| February 22nd | — | The generous God |
| March 1st | — | The liberating God |
| March 8th | — | The fulfilling God |
| March 15th | — | The life-giving God |
| March 22nd | — | The joyful God. |

Don't worry if you can't come every time—each session is fairly independent. For more information, or to register, email: admin@burnistonchurch.org.uk, or register on the ticket link: <https://goo.gl/ja66Ht>



Music & Message

A "Music and Message" service takes place with the 'Focus on Communion' on Sunday, 29th January at 6.30 p.m. led by Rev. Peter Cross and the Northstead Singing for Fun Group. Come and join us!

Life in the Spirit

A New Wine Day Conference led by Bishop Graham Dow (retired Bishop of Carlisle) on Saturday 4th March, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Burniston Methodist Chapel.

How can we have a relationship with the Holy Spirit?

How do we grow in the Spirit?

What does the 'Fellowship of the Holy Spirit' mean?

Advance booking: please register online:

<http://new-wine-burniston.eventbrite.co.uk>

by email: admin@burnistonchurch.org.uk

or telephone: 01723 871212

New Circuit Stewards

At the end of this Connexional Year two of our Circuit Stewards, Liz Aconley and Christine Imeson, will be coming to the end of their term of office and we are seeking to appoint their successors hopefully at the next Circuit Meeting on Thursday, 16th March 2017. If you would like to nominate someone for this position, with their agreement, please let myself or Liz Aconley have their names as soon as possible. A job description for this post can be obtained from Liz Aconley.

Regards,

Graham, Superintendent Minister.

Circuit Prayers

The monthly Circuit prayer meeting is on Thursday, 23rd February at Robin Hoods Bay. Why not have a trip over the moors, weather permitting, for refreshments at 1 p.m. and prayer from 1.45 p.m.



Concert

On Friday, March 3rd, we will be hosting a music concert by Mr Chris Myers, in aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Music of different genres, 6.30 for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets £5 – all proceeds to YAA. Look out for more information!

Mission boxes

Both Mission in Britain and World Church boxes are due for their half-yearly emptying. Please let Ros (Mission in Britain) or Ann (World Church) have them as soon as possible.

Thankyou.

Do you remember Rev. James (Jim) Mills?

The Rev. James Mills, known as Jim, was the minister of Jubilee Church in Scarborough from 1961-1964. Does anyone remember Jim? He is now 97 and his wife Doreen is 96. They have just moved into the Bognor Regis Methodist Home. They will this year be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary, and Jim will be celebrating his 70th year as a Methodist minister

A friend of theirs is putting together a "This is Your Life" to remind them of the different churches where he ministered down the years.

If you have any information about him or photos of the church, these can be put in a book for him. Or if anyone would like to write a greeting, please pass it to me and I will forward them to the person concerned.

Thank you,

Graham Morgan,
Superintendent minister.

A Winter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God,
in the storms of winter you are our calm,
our safe haven.
Spirit of calm, **give us peace.**

Gracious God,
in the cold of winter you are our hearth,
our centre, the source of life and love.
Spirit of life and love, **inspire us.**

Gracious God,
in the darkness of winter you are our light,
a beacon to guide.
Spirit of hope, **shine in us.**

Gracious God,
in the beauty of winter, the gleam of frost,
and the sharp, bright air,
you are our joy
Spirit of delight, **lift our hearts in praise.**

Gracious God,
in the heart of winter you are our longing,
our promised spring.
Spirit of truth, **live in our lives and fill the world.**

Amen.

Coffee at Scalby

Our Scalby friends invite us to their monthly **Coffee Morning**, on Saturday, February 4th at 10 a.m. This month they are supporting the Rainbow Centre. As usual, there will be cake, book and Fairtrade stalls, and a warm welcome!



A Christmas Message (belated!)

from Graham and Christine Sturdy

To all our friends at Northstead,

Graham and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

As most of you will know we will be celebrating our first Christmas in Australia so it will be very different, but despite the difference in weather the message is the same "Joy to the world, the Lord has come!" We won't be singing "In the bleak midwinter" though!

We moved here at the end of January 2016 for Graham to start as minister to Scots Memorial Church, Hobart, Tasmania, so we have been here almost a year now. Having initially stayed in a retirement home, we are now settled in to the manse, which is in a lovely position overlooking sea and mountain and with a short walk to two beautiful beaches. It is large enough to accommodate all the family and the various friends that have either already been to visit or who are coming soon. We have managed to furnish it beautifully from furniture given, picked up from the side of the road or bought cheaply from the various Op shops (Charity shops) and from the Waste Recycling centre (tip!) We think it all looks lovely now and the grandchildren love having their own bedrooms (and toy basket!) when they come and stay.

It will be lovely to see them open Christmas presents in real life instead of Skype this year. We will miss seeing James, but it is his turn to work this Christmas and he is off to Scotland for New Year with his friends from Harrogate and Leeds. He has been over to see us already and is coming again at the end of March which will be lovely!!

The Church family here has been very welcoming and we feel we have some lovely new friends but obviously miss friends and

family back home and are so grateful for the internet and the opportunities it gives to keep in touch almost instantly. I know some of you have seen my 'diary' and photos on Facebook! and are kind enough to 'like' them!

We wish you all the Peace and Joy that comes with the birth of Jesus and His presence in our lives.

Love, Graham and Christine.

Envelope Giving Scheme

A brief note from our Gift Aid secretary, Paul Maynard, who has new envelopes available for the year starting March 5th 2017. Please collect your new supply, which are slightly larger and perforated, to prevent Pete tearing the fivers in half, Grace!

If you would like to join the envelope scheme, please see Paul soon. If you would prefer to give to the Church directly from the bank, the person to see is Elizabeth Somerville, our treasurer.

Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday Fellowship meets on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4 p.m. for a hymn, reading, speaker and refreshments. The programme for February is :-

- Feb. 1st - Favourites Day
- Feb. 8th - Natter Game
- Feb. 15th - Speaker
- Feb. 22nd - **No meeting**

Ladies' Circle

Our **Ladies' Circle** meet at 7.30 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays. The next meeting will be on February 7th when the speaker will be Rev. Peter Cross, and our own minister Emma will speak on February 21st.

It's open to all ladies, and a warm welcome awaits you!

Saturday Lunches

Our next Saturday lunch is on February 11th. Coffee will be served from 11 a.m. and soup and sandwiches from 11.30 to 12.30, so come along and bring a friend! There will be a cake stall and a Fairtrade stall.

Our annual Gift Day is on March 11th, when there will be a Spud and Pud lunch - further details nearer the time.

Our Regular Meetings

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| Alternate Mondays, 7.30 p.m. | Singing for Fun (January 30th, February 13th and 27th) |
| Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. | Pop-in for coffee and a chat. |
| Alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. | Ladies' Circle (February 7th and 21st) |
| Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. | Wednesday Fellowship |
| 6.15 p.m. | Brownies. |
| 7.30 p.m. | Guides. |
| Thursday, 9.30 a.m. | Parents and Tots. |
| 1.45 p.m. | Keep-fit Group. |
| 3.15 p.m. | Messy Church (monthly, February 16th) |
| 7.30 p.m. | Badminton Club. |
| Friday, 6 p.m. | Rainbows. |

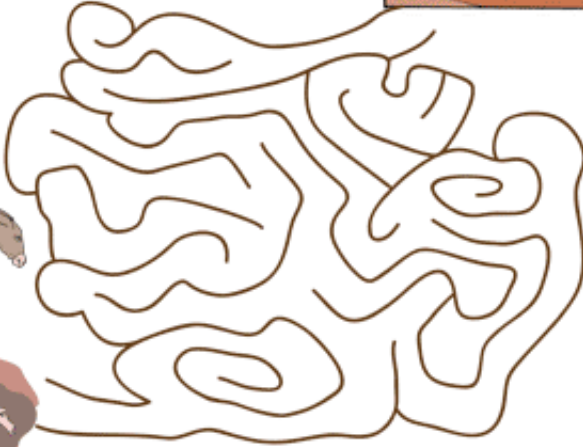
Children's Page

The Good Samaritan LUKE 10:25-37

In the chapter of Luke, Jesus tells us to, "Love your neighbor as yourself" and gives us the story of the Good Samaritan as an example. Not only does the Samaritan bandage the stranger's wounds, he feeds and pays for the stranger's lodging until he is well again.



Help the Samaritan bring the man in need of help to the city.



The story of the Good Samaritan is one of the stories Jesus told. You can find it in Luke, chapter 10.

Unscramble the letters to find some words from the story.

Good Samaritan Anagram



beginor _____

ejnoruy _____

bbeorry _____

deginor _____

aaaimnrst _____

deehlp _____

emnoy _____

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Diary Dates

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| Sunday, Jan. 29th, 10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m. | Morning worship, Wreyfield Drive Church. Music & Message, South Cliff Church. |
| Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 10.30 a.m. | Service, Eagle View care home. |
| Saturday, Feb. 4th, 10 a.m. | Coffee morning, Scalby Chapel. |
| Sunday, Feb. 5th, 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion, Rev. N. Spencer. |
| Saturday, Feb. 11th, 11 a.m. 11.30 a.m. | Coffee. Soup & Sandwich lunch. |
| Sunday, Feb. 12th, 10.30 a.m. | All-age Parade service, Rev. E. Morgan. |
| Wednesday, Feb. 15th, 8 p.m. | Midweek Praise. |
| Thursday, Feb. 16th, 3.15 p.m. | Messy Church. |
| Sunday, Feb. 19th, 10.30 a.m. | Morning worship, Deacon A. Carter. |
| Thursday, Feb. 23rd, 1 p.m. | Circuit Prayer meeting, Robin Hood's Bay church. |
| Sunday, Feb. 26th, 10.30 a.m. | Joint service, Rev. R. Coles. |
| Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 2 p.m. | Lent meetings start. |
| Wednesday, Mar. 1st, 10.30 a.m. 7 p.m. | Service, Eagle View care home. Lent meetings start, 4 Renton Court, Givendale Road. |
| Friday, Mar. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. | Concert with Chris Myers. |
| Saturday, Mar. 4th, 10 a.m. | Coffee morning, Scalby Chapel. |

All the above events take place at Northstead,
 unless otherwise stated

