



St. Matthew's Church Newbottle

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*You are the light of the world.
A city on a hill cannot be hidden
Matthew 5 v14*

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Church Services

Sunday Services

9.45 am Family Worship

Holy Communion & Sunday School

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

9.30 am Holy Communion

Church Open

Tuesday 10-11am

Wednesday 10.15-11.15am

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Christening:

19th May

19th May

2nd June

7th July

Molly Iris Maddison.

Dakota Lilly Cooper.

Skylar-Rae Terry.

Penny Alice Donoghue

Wedding:

4th May

18th May

1st June

David Smail & Sarah Louise Wetherell.

Damian John Fannan & Amy Lynn Archer.

Gordon Wilfrid Collier & Leica Angela Kenny.

Funeral:

7th May

9th May

9th June

11th June

Gilbert J. B. Petrie.

Margaret McInroy.

Michael Dietz.

Mary Margaret Wilson.

Burial of Ashes:

12th June

Gilbert Petrie.



Vicar's Voice

As I've mentioned previously in my letter, plans are under way to establish a closer working relationship between the parishes of Hetton Lyons, Houghton-le-Spring and Newbottle. These plans are being worked out by the deanery of "Chester-le-Street & Houghton-le-Spring", of which Newbottle and the other two parishes are a part at the request of the bishop of Durham, and are in preparation for my retirement in a few years time as I won't be replaced – there will no longer be a vicar of Newbottle.

There is the possibility of having a part time clergy person to help cover services in the three parishes, which is a good thing; this is more commonly known as house for duty. We are also very fortunate indeed at Newbottle to have three very experienced local ministers / preachers, or licensed "Diocesan Readers" to give them their official title. Malcolm, Stephen and Tom willingly contribute greatly not just to the parish of Newbottle, but to other parishes across the deanery when they are asked.

Those who worship week by week, year by year at St. Matthew's are a faithful congregation of individuals who are joined together by a shared belief in the Christian faith and a willingness to contribute to church life. Without that enthusiasm and faith we couldn't be the lively, welcoming church that we are.

However, we not only worship together on Sundays and Wednesdays, which is crucially important to us, and that to a large degree is where the drive comes from, but we also look for ways to promote the Church's message in the wider community to the best of our ability. By showing that we care about

our local community and beyond, we're showing that we believe that God cares for our world and all those who pass through this life. If you're reading this magazine at home, then the overwhelming probability is it was delivered to you by a faithful soul from St. Matthew's as an expression of their faith – we deliver 2,000 magazines 6 times a year come fair weather or foul.

Discussions about the future ministry provision and worshipping life at St. Matthew's will be entered into prayerfully and thoughtfully. Those of us directly involved in the discussions will seek the best way forward, not just for those who attend our church week by week, but for everyone who looks to Newbottle church as their spiritual home. This is vital as over the years I've been at Newbottle (27 years now), it has become abundantly clear to me that the wider community look to our church building and churchyard as an important part of village and parish life. The bell chimes have been very well received.

Formal discussions between Hetton Lyons, Houghton and Newbottle start on the 3rd July and we are required to have an agreed deanery plan to put before the bishop's council by 31st October 2019. What a significant date it is this year.

We at St. Matthew's will prayerfully seek God's blessing and guidance on this matter, and trust He will bless us in his service.

Eddy Wilkinson.

Christenings at St. Matthew's Church



19th May Dakota Lilly Cooper.



19th May Molly Iris Maddison.



2nd June Skylar-Rae Terry.

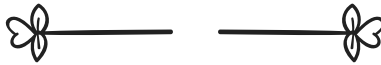


7th July
Penny Alice Donoghue



*Congratulations
and a happy future
together!*

Anja Birgit Sienerth
and Jonathan Lowe
who were married at
St. Matthew's Church
on the 18th of April



Lemon Posset

This is a delicious, refreshing dessert which
can be prepared the day before



Ingredients

600ml / 1 pint double cream
150g/5oz caster sugar
Juice & rind of two large lemons (75ml)

Method

1. Place double cream and sugar into a large pan, over a low heat and bring to the boil slowly.
2. Boil for three mins. (Make sure pan is big enough to cope with the rise.)
3. Remove from the heat & allow to cool.
4. Add the lemon juice and zest and whisk well.
5. Allow to cool further, then pour into six glasses and place in 'fridge, for at least three hours.

Serve with shortbread, raspberries or ginger biscuits.

Mary Margaret Wilson (nee Howarth)

1945 - 2019

It was with the greatest of sadness that we heard the news of Margaret's death. If you attended any of our church fayres you will probably have seen one of the lovely hampers that Margaret used to do to raffle.

Margaret was born on 30th June 1945 at Monkwearmouth. Her father was a Lancaster bomber crew member, who tragically died before Margaret was born. Her mother remarried, to Frank Hickson who was an engineer in the oil industry. He was a good father and grandfather to Margaret's two boys.

She grew up in Monkwearmouth and met her life long friend, Carol Smith, at Grange Park Infants.

After school Margaret trained as a hairdresser and much later worked as a part time collector for the Prudential Insurance Company.

She married Alan in St Columbia's Southwick on 27th March 1965 and they were blessed with 2 sons, Craig and Scott, who she adored. Over the years they moved several times before finally moving into the Crofter's estate here in Newbottle, twenty years ago. Naturally, it was very hard for Margaret when



Alan died in 2015 and also when Scott took ill not long after. With the help and encouragement of friends she got through it.

It was through Margaret's mother's request for Holy Communion when at Ashleigh Grange care home that Margaret became. Involved with St Matthew's, about 10 years ago.

She became a very active church member at worship and in the Mother's Union

and Ladies Fellowship and helped to arrange the church flowers. Margaret was also a PCC member for a few years and was elected to the Diocesan Synod.

Margaret also used to collect toiletries for the Seaman's Mission in Sunderland, to give to the needy seamen

As a church family, we were delighted when Margaret bought one of the ceramic poppies that had been displayed at the Tower of London, for the church. This is displayed in the Prayer chapel, up at church.

Margaret's friendship, hard work, support and kindness will not be forgotten by her family and church family. It was a privilege to know her.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On 8 May members from St Matthew's branch attended the Indoor Members Prayer Circle at the Cathedral, when we remembered and prayed for those members who are now not well enough to leave their homes to attend events.

On 3 June our members, together with members from all churches in the diocese, attended the lovely Diocesan Festival Service at the Cathedral. All banners showing the names of each parish were carried in procession down the Nave aisle. We followed with tea and cake at the very nice University Library cafe.



A Brilliant Big Brekkie at St. Matthew's



On Saturday 11th May, everyone met up at the church hall to indulge in our annual Big Breakfast, organised to raise money for Christian Aid. While some were busy in the kitchen, others were busy serving. Those who attended feasted their eyes on the smorgasbord of breakfast treats: cereals, muesli, fruit, yoghurts, fruit juices, toast, croissants, not to mention the cooked breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausages, beans, tomatoes & mushrooms. Bet your mouth is watering now! It was a great success, funds were raised for a good cause and everyone enjoyed the event. Good banter abounded. A huge thanks to Charles and Joanne, who organised this event and to all those who helped out.

Christian Aid has more than 70 years experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. They tackle the root causes of poverty so that men, women and children the world over are strengthened against future knocks. If disasters happen, they get people the help they need straight away.



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Newbottle Primary

Year 6 Surf School

Once we had arrived in school, we were all talking about how much we were looking forward to the day ahead. The fun, games and most importantly, the surfing. We were going to have a blast!

Once the coach had arrived and we had all leaped on, we all kept looking out of the window desperate for a glimpse of the sea. Quite a while later, we had arrived at the bus stop next to the beach and we were all in such a hurry to get off the coach and run onto the beach. Unfortunately, the teachers stopped us from doing this and separated us into both classes to go surfing first and to play on the beach first. My class got put onto the beach first to play games which we were happy with, and straight away, we took off our shoes changed into our swimming gear and started to play all sorts of games such as dodge ball cricket and splash each other with as much water as we could get away with. We did all this for about 2 hours and then met up again to have dinner.

In the afternoon, Mrs McGonnell's class, which I was in, had our safety briefing about what to do if there is a life guard around and

when there wasn't and with that, it was time to get changed into the wetsuits. After the longest 15 minutes of all our lives so far, we started to waddle down to the sea like penguins ready for our first game. After we had finished all of our warm up games, we split up into 2 groups; one to do surfing and one to be lifeguards saving our friends, who were also in that group. Me and another 12 people, were in the 2nd group and I was being the lifeguard first. I had to dive through the waves in order to reach my friend and once he was ashore it was my turn to deliberately walk out into the sea and need the lifeguards assistance (A friend.)

Next, it was my turn to go surfing and we got to the waves almost straight away on our surfboards. At first we all kept falling off and bashing into each other but after a while, we got the hang of it. It was so much fun and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We even got to kneel on our surfboards which we were all very proud of.

By Daniel





KARATE GROUP SUCCESS



Another great day at South Tyneside Open on 2nd June - one of the biggest karate competitions in the North Of England attended by clubs from across Britain. Some really tough categories with everyone from the Kazen Kai club not taking a step back. The day started with two silver medals in the kata for Amelia Robinson and Tiffany Lincoln, Amelia went on to take Silver in kumite (fighting event) having to withdraw in the final with injury. Tiffany went on for gold in her section. Jack Allison, Caleb Dickinson and Emily Wright all took hard fought Bronzes. Ethan Auty and Ollie Smiles took silvers - very unlucky not to win. Davina also took gold winning her final fight in 23 seconds. Well done to everyone competing carrying on the success of the club!

Karate sessions are moving days at the church hall - from July onwards, they will now be on Tuesday and Thursday instead of Wednesday and Friday.



Summer Fa



We had another great weather day this year for our summer fayre on Saturday 6th July. The usual variety of stalls were set up such as cakes, jams/marmalades/chutney, handmade cards, jewellery, toys, bric-a-brac, ice-cream, grand raffle and the cuddly toy, bottle and gift tombolas; and after last year's successful pilot, the refreshments and things to eat were inside the hall, alongside the books which are situated in the Jubilee Room to the rear of the hall. We were so pleased to welcome back the Washington Village Ukulele Band for a third year, who performed many songs again for us. We were also treated to a Zumba Gold demonstration from Janet Webster, whose group uses our hall every Friday morning. She danced along to several songs both inside and outside, with a few of her regulars

and even enlisted Dorothy Turnbull in her line up! A few of us danced along next to our stalls and thoroughly enjoyed her fun stepping routine. We very much appreciate the time and effort both entertaining groups put in to be at our fayre, and cannot thank them enough for supporting us.

The grand total raised from all of the stalls was **£1225.34**. A fantastic achievement from Team St. Matthew's again – well done to everyone who helped to make the day happen, whether it was by donating goods or simply by coming along to spend money or by helping to run it.

YOU ALL PLAYED YOUR PART IN MAKING IT A SUCCESS!

Stalls	Amount Raised	Stalls	Amount Raised
Toys	£40.69	Handmade Cards	£53.00
White Elephant	£238.55	Jewellery & Gifts	£67.70
Archery	18.00	Books	£59.40
Teas & Cakes	£145.95	Soft Toy Tombola	£46.00
Jams/Marmalades/Chutney	£66.00	Bags & Bottles Tombola	£85.00
Entrance Fees	£28.70	Grand Raffle	£266.00
Ice Cream	£48.35	Tombola	£62.00
		Total	£1225.34

Year 2019



PRIZE No.	PRIZE	WINNER	TICKET No.
1st	Hamper	June Leadbitter	0079
2nd	Vodka	Bel Wake	0512
3rd	Whisky	Malcolm Adamson	0269
4th	Pimms	Brenda Christer	0353
5th	Whiskey	Susan Chaffe	0326
6th	M & S Voucher	Marc (Newbottle Club)	1458
7th	Red Wine	Michael Berriman	0659
8th	Body Shop Set	Veronica (care of Blanche)	0709
9th	White Wine	Doreen Walvin	0529
10th	Chocolate Biscuits	Stuart Towers	0850
11th	Dairy Box	Ivy Berriman	0654
12th	Rose Wine	Noreen	1533
13th	Fruit Basket	Bernie	0589
14th	Jam Gift Set	Laura (Vicarage)	1653
15th	Handbag	Grace (Vicarage)	0526
16th	Plant	Elizabeth Medd	0012
17th	Summer Basket	Hardy	1451
18th	Mug Set	Hardy	1454
19th	Jigsaw	June Robson	0436
20th	Necklace/Earrings Set	Carol (Ukelele Band)	0901

Congregation Congratulations



Happy Birthday

Joe Osman celebrated his 99th birthday on 7th May this year! Joe sends love and appreciation for all of the cards and expressions of best wishes on his special day.

Whilst he is sad and not being able to share in worship with us due to poor health he remembers with great fondness his many years as a licensed reader, parish weekends at Pooley Bridge, and especially Pathfinder youth groups.



Special wedding anniversary wishes also go to Edward Wilkinson (our vicar) and Pauline on their ruby anniversary - 23.06.19,



Julie and Steven Gibson on their silver anniversary - 04.06.19



Tom and Susan Dick on their ruby anniversary - 21.07.19



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On Monday 1st July, Archbishop Justin Welby spoke at Facebook's UK office, about the launch of the Church of England's first social media guidelines and charter. The charter encourages Christians, as well as those of other or no faith, to pledge to make social media a more widely positive place for conversation to happen.

The communication shift that has occurred over recent years has enabled our society to be more connected than ever. On average, we are spending more than 24 hours a week online, and it has become a central way we interact with families and friends, as well as our workplaces and businesses. Social media enables us to have a voice that we wouldn't otherwise have.

From connecting with people who are housebound, to online prayer groups, social media offers churches an opportunity to reach out and be part of our communities in a way that we couldn't otherwise. However, this connectivity has come with challenges as, now more than ever, we are exposed to opinions, and misinformation, where the truth can be hard to decipher. In the last year, the news has told countless stories on the impact of social media on mental health among young people, the role it is having on our politics, and the rise of live streaming acts of terror. It's clear that something needs to change.

As we all try to navigate this ever-changing digital landscape, the Church of England is calling on individuals to commit to play their part in making it a more welcoming place to be.

The digital charter is a way of encouraging positive engagement in all online communities. The invitation to sign up is open to everyone, from individuals to churches or schools. We want our digital presence to be as loving, welcoming and generous as when speaking face-to-face. This charter recognises several ways we can make a difference in the digital world including:

Upholding truth, by posting fair and factual information;

Showing kindness by expecting the best of people;

Being welcoming in our words and language,

Being an inspiration and using social media to genuinely engage with others;

Promoting togetherness in the way we treat others.

It's important to recognise that the values in the charter are not just Christian values. To treat others as we would like to be treated, is a value upheld by all world faiths, as well as those of no faith. This is not just about how we can be better Christians online, but how we can all be better humans online, and we at St. Matthew's have signed up to the charter.

Notices & Information

In loving memory of Margaret our sister in law and auntie, sleep tight with the angels always in our hearts Peter and Margaret Mason and nephews.

FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA

Mrs Lydiatt Mrs Towers Mrs French
Mrs Martin Flower preparation at 10.00am
on the following
July 5th 12th 19th 26th
Aug 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th

SANCTUARY GUILD DONATIONS

Anonymous donation for flowers
Flowers from the funeral of Margaret
Mason
Flowers from the funeral of Gill Petrie
Flowers from the funeral of Margaret
Wilson
Happy memories of Auntie Ann and Uncle
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from Carole Brian and Family
Donation of flowers for Fathers Day
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St Matthews

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Dad and Grandad, from Kate, Maud and
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Sunniside Methodist Church

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**Monday 23rd September
7.00pm in Church Hall**



St. Matthew's Church & Community Hall

...part of the local community spirit

Weekly Timetable

DAY	TIME	CLUB
Monday	1.00pm-2.30pm	Computer Skills (John)
Monday	6.30pm-8.30pm	Judo (Brian)
Tuesday	9.30am-12.00noon	Arts & Crafts Club (Kathleen)
Tuesday	6.00pm-7.30pm	Karate (Ed)
Wednesday	1.30pm-2.30pm	Time For Rhyme
Thursday	9.30am-10.30am	Coffee Morning
Thursday	10.30am-11.15am	Sit and Be Fit
Thursday	12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch Club
Thursday	6.00pm-7.30pm	Karate (Ed)
Friday	10.10am to 11am	Zumba Gold (Janet)
Sunday	5.30pm-6.30pm	Karate (Ed)

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