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Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion
(1st Sunday in the month)
9.45 am Family Worship-Holy
Communion & Sunday School
6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

9.30 am Holy Communion

Prayer Group

1st Thursday in month, 7-8pm

Church Open

Tuesday 10-11am
Wednesday 10.15-11.15am

Mother's Union

Wednesday 2pm Lady Chapel in Church

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From Our Registers

Baptisms:	8th July	Adam Simon Ramsay.
	15th July	Carter Bailey.
	29th July	Louisa-Mae Archibald
	12th August	Grace Elizabeth Mudashiru.
19th August		Jayden Stuart Robert Spencer.
		Zara Mitten.
		Alani Lucia Cresswell-Dryden.
		Joseph Thomas Gritton.
26th August		Alexander James Watson Barrass.
		Ava Grace Barrass.
		Jude Barnfather.
		Isla Barnfather.
Weddings:	21st July	Sean Robinson & Hanna Frances Grayson.
	18th August	Michael Kenneth Knight & Victoria Shaw.
	18th August	Stephen William Coward & Georgie Deanne Whitmore
	26th August	Brett Edwards & Rachel Callaghan.
Funeral:	9th May	Shelly Husband.*
*Profound apologies for the hurt and upset caused to the family of Shelly Husband and to Shelley Wilson and her family for the mistake in the last issue of the parish magazine.		
Burial of Ashes:	1st September	Florence Applegarth..



Vicar's Voice

There has been a steady decline in the number of paid for, stipendiary clergy, in the diocese of Durham over the last 20 years or so because of a lack of finance. Houghton-le-Spring deanery has a target figure of 4 stipendiary posts by 2020. When I came to Newbottle, the target figure was 10. As I'm sure everyone will appreciate, this is a dramatic reduction in clergy on the ground with a consequent knock on effect of what is possible for clergy to do in the parish.

The diocesan authorities did some research, and came to the conclusion that Houghton-le-Spring Deanery by 2020 would be too small to continue as a standalone deanery. Conversations were initiated by the bishop and his staff to address this issue. The result of those conversations was a proposal put forward by the bishop of Durham to the deaneries of Houghton-le-Spring and Chester-le-Street that they should amalgamate.

After much discussion, the proposal was accepted and the deanery of Houghton-le-Spring, made up of Burnmoor, Chilton Moor, "East & West Rainton", "St. Michael & St. Nicholas Hetton Lyons with Eppleton", "Herrington, Penshaw & Shiney Row", Houghton-le-Spring and Newbottle, has been joined with Chester-le-Street deanery, made up of Washington, Usworth, Oxclose, Fatfield, Birtley, Pelton, West Pelton, Chester-le-Street and Great Lumley, to form the new deanery of "Chester-le-Street with Houghton".

The plan is for the now defunct deanery of Houghton-le-Spring to retain a semblance of its long established identity, going back over hundreds of years, by the establishment of a "Group Ministry" within the new deanery. This will also include the parish of Great Lumley for logistical reasons.

"The Group" will have four full time stipendiary clergy with the following responsibilities: one vicar will minister to the people of Burnmoor, Penshaw, Shiney Row and Herrington, one vicar will minister to the people of Great Lumley, Chilton Moor and "East & West Rainton", two vicars will minister to the people of Houghton, Hetton and Newbottle. One vicar will be resident in Houghton and one in Hetton.

For a "Group Ministry" to work, it is absolutely essential that all parishes within the "Group" co-operate and work together. Parochial Church Councils, Churchwardens, Diocesan Readers and clergy especially, must actively engage with and work with the other parishes and people within the "Group", so that the ministry of the Church of England within the Group is as dynamic, fruitful and effective as possible. We must look to the needs of others just as energetically, maybe even more energetically than we would to our own.

We need to constantly bear in mind that Jesus commanded his followers to look outward into the wider community and tell them about the Kingdom of God, give them the chance to hear and choose. We are to encourage people to let the Spirit of the Living God into their lives and feel how enriching and beneficial it is. That's where our thoughts, energies and prayers must be directed.

Eddy Wilkinson.



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September is a really significant time for families with children of all ages. The very young may be starting Nursery, older ones may be starting School, moving up a class or starting College or University. All these educational establishments have a huge impact on local communities.

Our church has always supported all families at this time of new beginnings and transition, which is often accompanied with anxiety and excitement. We particularly hold in our thoughts, all those who have had children baptized at St. Matthew's – as we offer our continued support and prayers as they grow up in the family of God.

A prayer for all those in education:

*God of wisdom,
Give them joy as they start work for this academic year;
Give them love for those they meet,
Give them hope for those whose future they affect,
Give them strength for each day
And the knowledge of your presence by their side.
Amen.*

All Souls Service Sunday 29th October at 6.00 p.m.



The departed will be remembered by name during prayers. Those whose funerals have been conducted at St Matthew's or by the Vicar at the crematorium, will automatically be prayed for. Other names may be added to the list at the back of the church.



Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal

**Boxes to be handed in by the
Sunday 11th November**

Once again we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal, which gives so much joy to children living in the world's deprived areas.

If you would like to take part, now is the time to look out for small items to fill your shoe box.

Anyone wishing to take part can obtain a shoebox at church from Sunday 1st October



FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEAS



On 8th July St Matthew's dedicated a service for Sea Sunday to raise money for The Mission to Seafarers. This charity helps to support the 1.5 million crewmen & women who face danger every day in order to keep our global economy afloat. They work in over 200 ports, caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs. Through their network of Chaplains, staff and volunteers they offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to seafarers through ship visits, Flying Angel Seafarers centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services.

An example of their support was in October 2017, when Dr Paul Burt and his team delivered emergency supplies to 3 ships anchored off Dubai. They had no supplies of food, water or fuel left and they weren't allowed to enter the port, as there was no money to pay for port fees. The ships' owners were in financial trouble.

The crew of one ship had been relying on drinking the water that comes as a by-product of the ship's air conditioning and the only food they had had, for several weeks, was from what fish they could catch. They made an SOS call to the Mission to Seafarers and were given food and water. As well as the emergency supplies the Mission contacted various agencies and got the ship into port and the crew back to their home countries.

We at St Matthew's were pleased to support this worthy cause and raised £90. This is one of several charities that we support throughout the year, along with Water Aid, Christian Aid and the Children's Society. Supporting those less fortunate than ourselves is a vital part of our service to God. We usually have a lot of social enjoyment while fund raising. The Christian Aid Big Breakfast is a very enjoyable event, as is the Harvest Broth and Stottie night. It would be lovely to have more people from the parish joining us on these occasions. Everyone is very welcome.



This Harvest we are supporting Water Aid's 2018 Harvest Appeal. If you don't already know, Water Aid is an international not-for-profit charity, determined to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere within a generation. Since WaterAid started in 1981, the charity has remained totally focused on tackling these three essentials that transform people's lives. Without all three, people can't live dignified, healthy lives, like we do. With all three, they can unlock their potential, break free from poverty, and change their lives for good. Children grow up healthy and strong, women and men get to earn a living, whole and communities start to thrive. It sounds normal and it should be. By inspiring people and sparking chain reactions WaterAid help deliver lasting change. By working closely with partners internationally and on the ground in some of the toughest places in the world, they help achieve widespread change. Millions of people have already taken control of their lives and built better futures. Since WaterAid began, they have reached 24.9 million people with clean water, 24 million with decent toilets and a 16.7 million with good hygiene.

was dirty, as it was used by the livestock as well as people from Sablogo. Her whole family often suffered from stomach aches, sickness and diarrhoea after drinking it, even when it was boiled. Sometimes it was so dirty it would change the colour of the food she had prepared for her family. But since WaterAid installed boreholes in Sablogo, Evelyne no longer has to give her children water she knows could make them ill. She no longer uses the dreg water and she has noticed that her children are much healthier. They no longer miss lessons because of stomach aches or sickness and she is happy to be able to feed them healthy meals, prepared with clean water. Evelyne says, "Water and food go together. Our harvest and food - we have them thanks to water."



This year, WaterAid's Harvest Appeal focuses on the importance of water to grow food. One in nine people around the world don't have access to clean water near their homes. This makes it very difficult to grow food, wash it, cook it (and even to wash up afterwards!). WaterAid has been working with people like Evelyne, in Burkina Faso to make sure they have a harvest to celebrate this year. This is Evelyne's story. Evelyne lives in Sablogo and her whole family have benefitted from getting access to clean water. She is 45 years old and has five children. Before WaterAid worked in Sablogo, life was very difficult. Evelyne had to collect water from the source 3km away, which meant she didn't have time to look after her family or earn a living. So sometimes she would visit the riverbed just outside Sablogo where she would dig into the sand to collect dreg water. This dreg water

This year we at St Matthews are supporting WaterAid through our collections at our Harvest Sunday services on 23rd September, our Broth and Stottie Night on Monday 24th September. Please come and join us for this worthwhile appeal. You will be warmly welcomed at all our events, and I'm sure you'll meet new/old friends and have a very enjoyable time. The auction of produce after the Broth and Stottie meal is particularly enjoyable. **WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AT ANY, OR ALL OF OUR HARVEST EVENTS OR SERVICES.**

St. Matthew's Harvest Celebration

Broth is made with the vegetables that are offered and the offerings which are left are auctioned, with all proceeds from the weekend going to support "Water Aid".

Harvest Sunday Service 23rd September 9.45am **Harvest Broth & Stottie Night Monday 24th September 7.00pm in Church Hall**



St. Matthew's BARBEQUE Back to Church

The sun was out and it was almost sizzling to match the bbq. After a lovely communion service all hands were on deck to get the bbq going, one of our new gazebos up and all the tables and chairs assembled for our annual bbq. We were soon devouring tasty burgers, sizzling sausages and succulent chicken, accompanied by salad, and a whole range of tempting accompaniments. This was all followed with some scrumptious desserts and washed down with a choice of wines or fruit juices, or beers.

It was a great social event with good friends, much laughter and plenty of banter. We usually have a coffee after the service, but this was so much nicer to have longer to talk to people and find out what they'd been up to on their summer holidays, what exam results some of the children and grandchildren had gained and what new school year all the children were going into next year.

Thank you to Billy again for cooking all the lovely food.



Women's Fellowship

Our July meeting was a very interesting one indeed; taking us half-way around the world to Japan! Many thanks to Rebecca Dick who kindly brought along photographs of her recent holiday there and gave us some interesting facts about the country. We were quite amused by some of the etiquette of this beautiful country, including the advice not to blow your nose in public; apparently this is seen as quite rude. Among the customs which we all thought worthy of copying was not wearing shoes indoors and, a popular one with all of us, don't tip. Everyone was amazed to learn that Japan has 6,852 islands, and although Tokyo has the largest population of any city in the world, it is one of the safest to visit, as crimes against tourists are very rare. We were shown photos of the Tokyo Tower (made famous in the Godzilla film) and some of the very beautiful temples and shrines; including a temple which is the largest wooden building in the world and houses a Buddha 15 metres tall! Rebecca told us that of the many marvellous places she visited one of the most memorable, and enjoyable, was a trip to the Grand Sumo Tournament, much to her own amazement. Thank you again Rebecca for what was a very interesting and enjoyable evening.



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Our members met others from churches in the diocese at St Nicholas's church, Durham in August to celebrate Mary Sumner Day, who was the founder of the Mothers' Union. It was a very enjoyable service, everyone heartily singing the lovely chosen hymns. Before we left tea, coffee and cake was served, and it was good to catch up on news with friends from other parishes. Our members also took part at the deanery Quiet Day at St Barnabas's Church, Bournmoor. Much thinking was done, and we all thought the afternoon was very well spent. We look forward to Monday, 3rd September when we will attend the deanery festival service at St Michael & All Angel's Church, Easington Lane.



Sunnyside Methodist Church.

Donations to Flower Fund:

In memory of family and friends from Jean & Ron.

In memory of all loved ones from Hilda & Bill.

Mr. Timothy Graves:

Timothy Graves died in February of this year aged 95 years. He is lovingly remembered by his son David and many friends. A small plaque has been secured onto Tim's favourite church pew which reads as follows; "In loving memory of Mr. Timothy Graves, a faithful supporter of the church and member of the "Day Club" for many years; died 16th February 2018 aged 95years".

"Men's Fellowship:

In September 1968, the newly formed "Men's Fellowship" held its first meeting. Over the years speakers have provided fortnightly talks on a wide variety of subjects and the meetings continue, albeit with a much reduced membership. To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, a dinner will be held on Wednesday 26th September, this year, to be attended by 12 men, 5 of whom were present at the opening meeting in 1968.



Notices & Information

FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA

Mrs Lydiatt Mrs Towers Mrs French Mrs Wilson Mrs Martin

Flower preparation at 10.00am on the following

Friday September 7th 14th 21st 28th

" October 5th 12th 19th 26th

SANCTUARY GUILD DONATIONS

Anonymous donation for flowers

In loving memory of a dear Mother Ellen Wilson from John and Rita

Special Memories of Alan loving and much loved Husband and Dad

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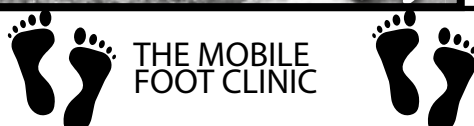
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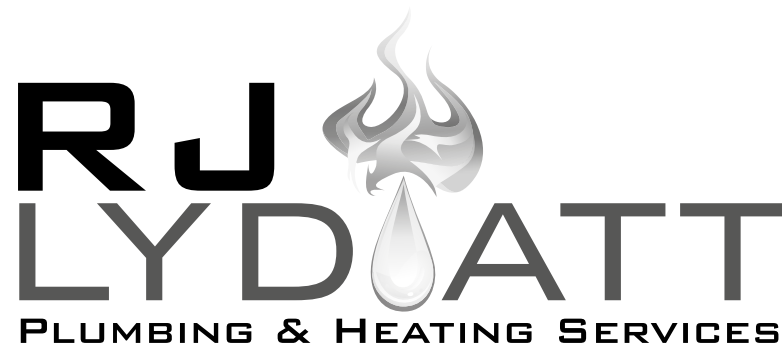


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Church Hall 2.00pm

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Monday	6.30pm-8.30pm	Judo (Brian)
Tuesday	9.30am-12.00noon	Arts & Crafts Club (Kathleen)
Tuesday		Rainbows/Brownies/Guides (Tracy)
Wednesday	1.30pm-2.30pm	Time For Rhyme
Wednesday	6.00pm-7.30pm	Karate (Ed)
Thursday	9.30am-10.30am	Coffee Morning
Thursday	10.30am-11.15am	Sit and Be Fit
Thursday	12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch Club
Thursday	5.15pm-6.15pm / 6.45pm-7.45pm	Relax Kids Group (Jo)
Friday	6.00pm-7.30pm	Karate (Ed)
Sunday	5.30pm-6.30pm	Karate (Ed)

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