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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

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Tuesday 10-11am

Wednesday 10.15-11.15am

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 10th December

9.45pm Parish Eucharist 4.00pm Christingle Service

Sunday 17th December

9.45am Parish Eucharist6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 19th December

7.00pm Carols, mince pies & sherry around

the Christmas Tree

Wednesday 20th December

9.30am Holy Communion

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December

9.45am Parish Eucharist

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December

9.45am Family Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

9.45am Parish Eucharist

Funeral:



Baptisms: 1st October Adam Martin.

10th August

15th October Poppy Louise Nestor.

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9th October Minnie Rose.

Susan Hopper.



It is 25 years this October since the then bishop of Durham, Rt. Rev. David Jenkins and the then archdeacon of Durham, Ven. Michael Perry, licensed me to be priest in charge of the parish of Newbottle in 1992. As I reflect on our church life here at St. Matthew's over the past 25 years I see that many things have changed, some for the worse, some with little or no effect, still others have been a great positive.

When I was appointed 25 years ago each of the following parishes had their own vicar - Burnmoor, Chilton Moor, East & West Rainton, Eppleton, Hetton, Easington Lane, Herrington & Shiney Row (in vacancy but awaiting an appointment), Penshaw, Houghton-le-Spring and Newbottle. All ten vicars, members of the clergy, were men because the Church of England did not ordain women as priests in 1992 and therefore women could not become vicars of parishes.

In 1994, for the first time, the Church of England ordained women as priests, which most members of the Church of England agree is a very good thing and has meant. amongst many other things, that they have become vicars of parishes. At the present time there are 2 women vicars or rectors, (they are in effect the same thing), in Houghton-le-Spring deanery, in the parishes of Eppleton, Hetton and Easington Lane, and in the parish of Houghton-le-Spring. Sadly in the last 25 years the parish churches of "All Saints" Eppleton and St. Nicholas Hetton were closed and demolished, which means that St. Michael and All Angels, Hetton Lyons is the Anglican church in that area.

As things stand at the present time we have gone from 10 vicars to 4.5 vicars in the deanery of Houghton-le-Spring. One vicar looks after the parish of Houghton,

one vicar looks after the parish of Eppleton, Hetton & Easington Lane, one vicar looks after the parish of Herrington, Penshaw & Shiney (they've been amalgamated into a single parish with three churches), one vicar looks after the parish of Newbottle and a part time vicar looks after the parish of Chilton Moor. The parishes of Burnmoor and East & West Rainton are currently without a vicar.

By 2020, because of financial restrictions, the plan is that Houghton deanery will reduce by a further part time post to 4 vicars. There is also the possibility that the parish of Lumley will move into Houghton deanery. Things have changed tremendously in our deanery in the past 25 years and are going to continue changing. Who knows what our deanery will look like in 10 years time, let alone another 25 years?

One thing that has remained the same, and will continue to do so, is the mission and work of the Church. As Jesus was ascending back into heaven after the resurrection, he said, "Go out into the world and spread the word about the kingdom of God". No matter how many vicars there are in our deanery, we will only do this effectively if all the congregations in our deanery share the resources there are. We must all, readers, clergy and people, enthusiastically and prayerfully support each other.

To the best of our ability we must all faithfully seek to meet the practical and spiritual needs of the people of our deanery, in Jesus name. This is, and always must be our constant aim.

Eddy Wilkinson.



Christenings at St. Matthew's



Adam Martin - 1st October



Poppy Louise Nestor - 15th October

Farewell to Minnie Rose

Minnie Rose (Nee Orrell) who recently passed away was very much a part of the congregation at St.Matthew's and attended church all her life from being a little girl. Minnie went to Paddock Style School, and after leaving, went to work in the drapery department at Newbottle Co-op. She was pretty handy at sewing/dressmaking etc, helping to alter the stage curtains in the Church Hall (which we got from Cherry Knowle hospital!) and made the cover for our Grande piano in Church, which was pretty tricky! She also worked in a factory on Dubmire Industrial Estate making handbags, worked in the drapery department at Joplings and worked in the kitchen at Dubmire School.

She was a member of the Mothers' Union, was on the flower arranging rota, helped clean the church, and amongst other things ran the cake stall at the Christmas and Summer fayres for many years. She was a faithful Christian soul – a believer who weekly attended church worship to receive bread and wine; the body and blood of Christ. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time, and we give thanks for her dedication to St.Matthew's Church.



Women's Fellowship

Our meeting on Wednesday 20 September was much enjoyed when Larry Hetherington came to talk to us about the activities of the Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade. Larry projected many good pictures on to our screen, and we learnt of the Volunteer Brigade's training programme. volunteer team is required to be proficient in radio communication, and to be able to administer first aid. A watch of the coast is undertaken every day of the week and the volunteers are needed to keep an eye on the harbour, the piers and the beach areas. The Brigade's Watchhouse at Roker has been their headquarters since 1906, and is open to the public as a museum, providing a huge amount of information and objects relating to the Brigade's past.

Pam Simpson came to our meeting on Wednesday 18 October to talk about Complementary Therapies. There is a wide range of these therapies, and we learnt that they can be used alongside medical treatment which is being received or which has been received. Pam explained that complementary therapies have many health promoting effects. They contribute to pain relief and help to promote relaxation. Tension, stress and anxiety are reduced, and they contribute to a sense of well being. Members of the group were very pleased to take part in Pam's demonstrations of how massage therapies of the hand, neck and head are practised. We were all very interested to hear what she said about Reflexology. Pam had lots of guestions to answer and discussion continued after she left the meeting. Thank you again, Pam.



On Thursday 2nd November at the Stadium of Light, Julie Gibson swapped her bed for a sleeping bag to raise funds for a homeless charity. Julie, a member of our congregation who works for the youth homeless charity Centrepoint, shared the experience with around 100 other people including Vicky Pattison (former winner of TV show I'm a Celebrity...Get me out of here!) and Katie Bulmer-Cooke (Apprentice star and Sunderland fitness entrepreneur).

Centrepoint works with more than 200 homeless young people every day in the North East, providing accommodation and support to help turn their lives around by gaining essential life skills, tackling their physical and mental health issues and moving into education or employment. Young people sleeping rough is a significant problem in the UK – in 2016, 55% of homeless young people said they had slept rough at some point.



Centrepoint Sleep Out North East

So far, this year's Sunderland Sleep Out has raised over £21,000 through the sponsorship of the participants - Julie herself raised just under £300, of which many local people and St. Matthew's Church members contributed towards! As well as raising money, the Sleep Out project is to raise awareness and is a thought-provoking challenge that Julie recommends should be tried. Of course, it would be impossible to replicate the true terror of spending a night on the streets with nowhere else to go, but Julie said that feeling the cold and experiencing the discomfort which homeless young people have had to endure definitely gives you an insight into what it would be like, and makes you appreciate having a bed every night. Julie wants to thank everyone who donated in support of her – however, its still not too late to donate, by using the link below:

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Newbottle School 1952



St. Matthew's Shoebox Success!



This year we have received a fantastic total of 51 shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" appeal. This is seven more than we received last year – an amazing show of generosity and support for those less fortunate than ourselves, by sharing God's love with children in need around the world. It's also great that the appeal has harnessed technology these days, so that if you pay online for the distribution of your shoebox, you can choose to be informed by email as to where your shoebox

finally ends up. Last Christmas, some of our shoeboxes from St. Matthew's brought good news and great joy to children in Belarus! Nationally, a total of 882,647 children, in 17 countries, received a gift to remember.

'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these' Matthew 19:14 (New International Version)



Our thanks go to Pat French for organising this appeal year on year



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Our war memorials have been beautifully dressed this year, thanks to the hand knitted efforts of Muriel Gallant who knitted around 70 poppies. I think you will agree, they show off the larger memorial a treat, especially now that it has been cleaned up! Thanks also goes to Ann Martin for using a lot of elbow grease over the last few weeks to get the memorial back to its original shiny state!







Sunday School also made a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday.....thanks to Heather and Charlotte for organising this. It completes the war memorial beautifully!

Mothers' North Christian care for families

Some of our members enjoyed attending the Mothers' Union 'Overseas Night' on the 26 September. We enjoyed the singing, and it was good to meet up and chat with friends from the other parishes.







A big thank you to all friends, family and neighbours who gave the fantastic amount of £510 to send to the Macmillan Cancer Support Nurses on Friday 29th September. Also to all those who contributed and could not attend.

All the effort put into hosting this coffee morning really does make a big difference. From Macmillian nurses, to information and support centre specialists, they can help for as long as they're needed thanks to people like you.

Thank You. Anne Martin





Steve Moralee, a former member of St Matthew's Explorer group and proprietor of "Attractions", based in Dubmire and his son Adam, manufactured and installed our new church and community hall signs on Friday 10th November. We hope you agree they look fantastic!

The right hand side sign allows us to advertise our upcoming events, so keep your eye on this one as it will change!

Kazen Kai Karate Competition KKO Scottish Open Championships

10th September competition unfortunately saw a lot of medal hopefuls out in the early rounds; but as the day went on, things improved. Well done to Nathan Edmindson who took a well-earned silver medal in kumite. Then Sean, Ethan and Fletcher took bronze in junior cadet teams but then moved up to cadets and took silver with a fantastic display. Not to be outdone, Olivia Liddell and Leah took bronze in the women's teams, then in female cadets along with Jess Walsh who took silver. I want to say a special well done to Jess moving up and she took some heavy shots and gave one of the bravest displays I've seen. Back to individuals, where Olivia took gold in women's Kyu grades and silver in cadet Kyu grades. Win of the day goes to Leah taking gold in female cadet Ippon open. I would also like to thank the organisers for asking me to coach the Malta team in the four nations. Taking sliver was a proud moment in my coaching career. All-in-all, a great day! For those of the team who did not medal - you win or learn. I was proud of all those who stepped onto the mat. I would also like to thank Simon Auty for assisting me with the coaching and ALL the family members of competitors for staying to the last, supporting those competing

Kazen Kai Karate Group runs at Newbottle Church Hall - Monday's & Friday's, 6.30pm-8.30pm





g in the Hall



Saturday 4th November was the date of the annual pre-Christmas toy sale in the Church Hall. With a mass of games, jigsaws, cuddly toys, dolls, cars, playsets and children's books, there was many a bargain to be had! We also offered refreshments, as this event was a combined coffee and book morning too. In total we raised £78 for church funds; however there will another opportunity to grab a toy bargain at our Christmas Fayre on 25th November!



128 Meubotties

1st Newbottle Rainbows, Brownies & Guides have had a great time the past few months. We took part in the Houghton Feast Parade, had sleepovers, did some belly dancing and have had a great time decorating rocks to hide, to take part in Tyneside Rocks. The girls decorated them with Halloween faces, the Girlguiding Trefoil and used their favourite colours. We took a walk & hid them in Herrington Country Park. Everyone loved it and we are waiting patiently to hear if anyone finds any of the rocks that were hidden.

We are also pleased to announce that we have now received our brand new flag for our Guides unit. We would like to thank Howdens Joinery Co. for their very kind donation to our unit so that we could afford this – thanks so much!

If you are interested in joining 1st Newbottle Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, contact Tracey Tait on 07769 678271 or go to on the link below:

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Broth and Stottie Night

We all had a grape thyme at the broth, stottie and dumpling night in the church hall on 25 September. We juice wish more people had herb how good it was and had bean there. Having said that, the room was so full there wasn't mushroom to move around, but we cod have used the main hall. The room was warm and comfortable, no one was chilli. Before the broth was served there was time for a bit of bantam with our marrows. There were a few young ones there and they hadn't half sprouted up since last year. Lettuce start by telling vou about the broth and not beet about the bush.....it was soupherb and delicious, and the dumplings so fluffy and light. There was even a vegetarian version just as delicious.

Next was the auction of the produce, with all the pro-seeds going to Water Aid. The auctioneers were like two peas in a pod and the jokes very corny, but funny. To be honest they were a bit of an embarrassmint, but it takes two to mango. You had to keep your eyes peeled for a bargain. The suspense was amazing, making everyone's pulse raced as they waited for something to crop up. My fennel comment is that I carrot tell you enough how berry good the night was. It was pearfect. Please make it a date for next year. As you can see, we even discovered that the car had developed a leek.







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Sunniside Methodist Church

Donations to Flower Fund:

From the family and friends of Margaret Chapman at her memorial service which was held in Sunniside Methodist Chapel on Saturday 30th September.

Donations to Church Fund:

Christmas memories of all our loved ones, from Bill & Hilda.

Remembering with love our family and friends at Christmas, from Bill & Hilda.

A Tribute to Margaret Chapman

We first became acquainted with Margaret & Roy Chapman around 1972 when they began to attend Sunday worship here at Sunniside, and very soon established themselves as enthusiastic and dedicated members of our church family. Sadly Roy passed away suddenly in September 1984. Prior to this however, in 1974, Margaret had taken on the role of President of the "Young Wives" group, which later became known as the "Ladies Fellowship". Margaret continued in this role and was indeed a participant in all of the church's activities until 2006, when she moved to her new home in Droitwich to be near her family. Margaret was a well loved and respected person, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Notices & Information

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Mrs Lydiatt Mrs Towers Mrs French Mrs Wilson Mrs Martin

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December 1st,8th,15th (No flowers in Church season of Advent)

December 22nd(Arranging of Christmas Flowers)

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Donation in Memory of Minnie Rose from Margaret Wilson

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In memory of George W.E. Davies

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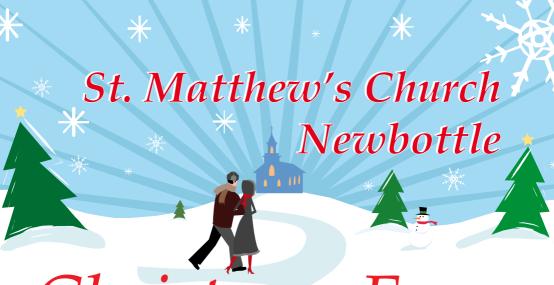
Monday	6.30pm-8.30pm	Judo (Brian)
Tuesday	9.30am-12.00noon	Arts & Crafts Club (Kathleen)
Wednesday	6.30pm-8.30pm	Karate (Ed)
Thursday	9.30am-10.30am	Coffee Morning
Thursday	10.30am-11.15am	Sit and Be Fit
Thursday	12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch Club
Friday	6.30pm-8.30pm	Karate

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Christmas Fayre

Saturday 25th November

Church Hall 2.00pm