

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson,
Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Ashley Powell, Colin Graham,
Stephen Scott.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Maureen Palmer, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Mary Gunn, Julie Ann Parson, Elsie Smith,
Ann Harrison, Jimmy Hunter, Eileen Smith.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Robert Topping, Joseph Walker.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:

Eleanor Scorer, John Robson, Delia Wilson, Les Crowther, John Marley, Hilda Brown,
Jim Holt, Ben Kilner, John Dowie, Allan Anderson, Poppy Eagle, Jim Beresford,
Clara Pearson, Edward Beresford, Jack Richardson, Ethel Meynell, Linda Robertson.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK**QUIZ NIGHT, CHOIR PRACTICE AND TRINITY TOTS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING A SUMMER BREAK****Monday 3 August**

1.30pm Funeral Robert Topping

Tuesday 4 August

10.00am Holy Communion in church

Wednesday 5 August

7.00pm Iona Service

Saturday 8 August

2.00pm MU Summer Afternoon Tea

Sunday 9 August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00am Holy Communion in church

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Romans 10.5-15

Gospel Reading Matthew 14.22-33

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir
12.00pm Baptism Evie Mae Irene Owens

TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and
faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the
table of your Son to share this meal with the
whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace, gather people of every
race and language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

Romans 9. 1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14.13-21

Alleluia, Alleluia

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Foodbank Sunday

Today is our regular Foodbank Sunday. Please leave your donations of tins, jars or packet food, toiletries and pet food at the back of church. Carrier bags are also always welcomed. Your donations are very gratefully received by Washington Community Food Project.

Church Flowers

We have received the following donations towards the flowers this week:

From Marie Crowther in memory of her dearly loved husband Les, for his 10th anniversary on 4th August.

Also from Nicola Power in memory of her dearly loved parents John and Violet Dowie, for their 5th anniversary on 6th and 10th August.

Church Opening in August

A big thank you to those volunteers who have enabled us to open the church to visitors during July. There are still spaces available in August. Should you be able to offer your time for this purpose, could you please speak to Andrew directly and he will slot you into an available space.

MU Summer Afternoon Tea – Saturday 8th August 2-4pm

There are posters and sign-up sheets at the back of church for volunteers to help with this event, a fundraiser for Breast Cancer UK, MU projects across the world celebrating our 150th anniversary, and to cover the cost of electricity on the day. There will be raffles, tombola, entertainment and refreshments. Please come along with your friends, families, wallets and purses and let's see what we can achieve when we all work together. Thank you. Helen.

Beetle Drive

It's time to dust off your shakers and practice your dice skills! The Beetle Drive season is back.....a date for your diaries, Saturday 22nd August at 2pm. Tickets available soon at £3.00 including refreshments.

Friends of the Old Churchyard Community Group

The Northumbria in Bloom judges have finished their visiting for 2026. Results will be announced in September. We emphasise that we are not a show piece and our work is ongoing. The group is about the community, the environment, biodiversity and conservation. We are not competitive and just do our best where we can.

Last year our Gold Award was for conservation.

We are greatly appreciated by local people and other visitors from afar - USA, Australia, etc.

A grant from Washington Community Development Trust enables us to go forward with plans. A thank you to them.

And thank you to the Bloomers for using their volunteers from Barclays Bank to work and improve the edges at the front of church and up the steps. It's not our domain as SCC maintain that area but we do appreciate it.

If you haven't been to the Wildlife and Community Areas at the back of church, it's worth a look.

The A team.

The Sunday service will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email office.htcw@gmail.com to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm

We are now suspended for the summer holidays but will return in September. Watch this space for our restart date!