

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.

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

Agnes Dixon, Marion Steele, William Cork, Lynn Barnes, Bill Fletcher.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK**QUIZ NIGHT, CHOIR PRACTICE AND TRINITY TOTS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING A SUMMER BREAK****Tuesday 28 July**

10.00am Service of The Word in church

Wednesday 29 July

6.00pm Community Support Group

Sunday 2 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

12.00pm Baptism Evie Mae Irene Owens

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Romans 9.1-5

Gospel Reading Matthew 14.13-21

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY **8.00am** **Holy Communion in church**
 10.00am **Holy Communion in church and with choir**

TUESDAY **10.00am** **Service of The Word** in church

COLLECT

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from
pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that
have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of
your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the fullness of
your life; glory to you for ever.

Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

Romans 8. 26-end

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them,

'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Foodbank Sunday

Next Sunday 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 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.

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.

Church Cleaning

We have recently lost our church cleaner as she has moved to a new job. PCC have agreed not to appoint another cleaner at least until the work on our new toilet and kitchen facilities has been completed, but the church will need to be cleaned in the interim. We are asking you to consider if you would go on a rota to help keep our church spic and span in the coming weeks. The time commitment does not need to be onerous if enough people sign up. Please speak to Teresa, Judith or anyone on PCC to express your interest, or email the church office. Thank you.

Regular Giving

If you make your regular gift to church through our contactless device or QR codes, could I ask that you consider signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme or switching to standing order through your bank as an alternative? We are charged a small fee on each donation through the device which means we don't get the full value of your gift. It also means we miss out if the device is misbehaving! The machine is especially useful for occasional collections when people don't carry cash but less so for regular gifts.

Please speak to me if you would like further information and as always, thank you for each gift you make. Judith.

Cover Rota

As a church, we are occasionally asked to host local groups for various things – filming, rehearsal space etc. We are keen to make ourselves available as a welcoming and inclusive space for our community, but we do need a church representative to be present on these occasions to open and close the building and for insurance purposes. We'd like to create a list of available people to be contacted on an ad-hoc basis with no fixed commitment. Can you please consider if this is something you could do (you do not need to be a keyholder) and speak to Barbara, Audrey or Judith, or email the church office if you're interested. Thank you.

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!