



OWE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vivienne Bell, Clare Froud, Pete Henderson, Colin Thompson, Miriam Robson, Margery Bramhall, Ashley & Joyce Powell, Sheila Moore, John West, Olive Nesbitt, Angie Bowser, Colin Graham, Canon Keith Woodhouse, Hazel Potter, Val Judson, Philip Coker.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Nathaniel, Gillian Butler, Irene Smith, Ann Bordess, Isobel Scott, Ann Harrison, Ann Forth, Pat Watson, Fraser Coker, Ken Talbot, Marilyn Ellison.

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

David Herbert and Joan Lloyd.

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

Elizabeth Kelly, Stephen Dixon, Steven Cowe, Adam Tiffen, Olwen Todd, Frank Eales, Annie Armstrong, Mary Kenyon, Elizabeth Harrison, Evelyn Thompson, Leonard Calvert.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 23 April

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Holy Communion in church
- 1.00pm Burial of ashes in the churchyard
- 7.00pm Quiz Night

Wednesday 24 April

- 6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal for Rachel Godfrey & Anthony Shipley (Tony Holden)

Thursday 25 April

- 6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal Bethany Lister & Scott Griffiths (Teresa Walton)
- 7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 27 April

- 9.00am All day the church is in use till 5pm

Fifth Sunday of Easter 28 April

- 10.00am Holy Communion in church with choir
- 1.30pm Baptism – Saxon Allan Wood
- 2.30pm Baptism – Reginald Ralph Malcolm Richardson

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Acts 8.26-end

Gospel Reading John 15.1-8

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SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion in church
10.00am Holy Communion in church with choir & online

TUESDAY

10.00am Holy Communion in church

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father’s
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to
follow your command, that all your
people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the
good shepherd, and in his love for us to
lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**John 10.11-18****Alleluia, Alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK**Vacancy update from Archdeacon Bob.**

So that everyone knows what is happening, I have included below the timescale of the upcoming interview for your new priest.

Please will you pray for the process, good applications and for the interview panel, Sarah, John (as Area Dean), myself, Josh and Judith (as the parish representatives).

Interview Date	Thursday 4 th July
Closing date for applications	Monday 17 th June
Advertisement on Diocesan website	Monday 17 th May onwards
Advertisement in Church Times	Fridays 24 th & 31 st May and 7 th June

Cyril Lomax Bench

Washington Heritage has funded the cost of this bench to be located in the grassed area of the Old Churchyard.

It is being made and will be installed by Sunderland Maritime Heritage. Requirements are to have an official launch and a plaque (the wording is directed by Archdeacon Bob) to commemorate Cyril Lomax.

The official launch will take place on Sunday 5th May at 11.30am, by Cllr Dianne Snowdon. There will be music and refreshments. This also fits in with Washington 60. Everyone is welcome to the event. Old Churchyard Team

PCC

Following the APCM on Sunday and the first meeting of the ‘new’ PCC on Wednesday, the following details have been confirmed.

Holy Trinity, Wahington PCC & Officers:

Priest in Charge	In Vacancy
Licensed Lay Ministers	Olive Sangha (Secretary & Dinah Gollan
Church Wardens	Andrew Cresswell (Lay Vice Chair) & Janet Miller
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Barbara Fiddy, Ashley Powell, Ann Harrison & Christine Scorer
Elected members	Dorothy Butler, Jane McIntyre, Beryl Nesbitt, David Petherick, Judith Petherick (Treasurer), Janice Rutter, Jonathan Tyerman, David Wood, Phyllis Wood, Josh Hindmarch, Shirley Talbot, Elizabeth Slowther & Audrey Scarr.

We wish to record our deep appreciation of the huge contribution Geoff Judson has made to the life of the church as he stands down from the PCC.

Friends of the Old Churchyard

The Old Churchyard is entered into Northumbria in Bloom 2024, under the umbrella of Washington Village in Bloom. We are in the Conservation Group and have achieved Silver Gilt level in the past two years. Spring judging took place, and the initial comments were pleasing, however there is still a lot of work to be done before the summer judging.

We continue to endeavour to respectfully provide an environmentally friendly community space and wildlife area. But it is not a show piece. At this stage, it is used and appreciated by the local community and visitors. Our work goes on and there is still a lot to develop and maintain. We are a small community group (not registered) and, therefore, do not receive any financial support from the church.

However, we are struggling to find funds - and would also appreciate some extra pairs of hands to help out. Work takes place at different times but the group shift is Thursdays

10am - 1pm. It is a pleasure to do - fresh air, exercise and plenty chat. What better therapy? If you would like to know more, speak to one of the team or just call and see us at a Thursday session. The A team - Christine, Jan, Steve, Eunice, Alan, Olive, Terry, Mary

Sunday Eucharist at 10am

The Sunday service will begin at 10.00am. 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 **899 2798 3795** followed by # (hash). The password is **240446**, followed by # (hash).

Quiz/Games Night – 7pm

All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month’s email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial **0203 481 5237** the meeting ID is **876 0441 6605** followed by # (hash) and the password is **535424** followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us.