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Prayer corner

“If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.”—1 John 1:7

May we at All Saints' walk in God's light to strengthen our fellowship and renew our commitment to reach out to our wider community. Amen.

Lesley Atkinson

If you have a prayer you would like to share with *In Touch* readers, please email it to: allsaintsintouch@outlook.com

October poem

Pam Taylor found this autumnal poem by Nigel Beeton

October

What of October? A month that is lost
Twixt warmth of September and November frost?
It's not really winter and though the leaves fall
The month of October is nothing at all.

A month spent regretting the summer now gone?
A month spent in dreading the winter to come?
A month spent in labour, in sorrow not song?
A month when we're sad at the loss of the sun?

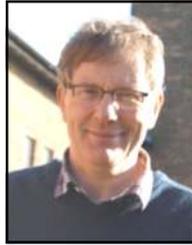
Yet October's a month with much that can please
The gathering of fruit and the gold on the trees
The dew on the web and the stars up above—
Yes! Truly, October's a month that I love!

Cover photograph

Our cover photograph by Andrew Shipton shows the scaffolding in place in Church, ready for the decorators and lighting engineers to move in. We look forward to celebrating a brighter church on our Patronal Festival, on 4th November.

Andrew Shipton

From the Vicar



One Hundred Years On

Armistice Day this year will mark the centenary of the end of The First World War, and will bring to a close four years of commemorating significant events in the conflict. This November will, therefore, be a particularly poignant time for reflection. It will be a time to remember the 700,000 British soldiers who laid down their lives, as well as the 8.5 million worldwide who were killed in the Great War. As well as remembering the fallen, we will pray for peace in the world and reaffirm our commitment never to allow such a catastrophe to be repeated.

On Remembrance Day we keep in mind the fallen in every conflict; however, it is the First World War, remembered every year since its end, that evokes a particular sadness, owing to its needlessness, with historians telling us that it was a consequence of incidents and alliances and was expected to be “over by Christmas”. It occupies a special place in our remembrance not only because of the scale of the destruction that it wreaked but also that it seemed to begin rather than end all other wars. I wonder if after 2018 it will lose something of this poignancy, and will not be recalled again in quite the same way?

The First World War had an immense impact on the early years of All Saints’ Church. We have inside our building memorials, together with rolls of honour, which record the names of the men who lost their lives. Revd Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, nicknamed “Woodbine Willie”, the brother of the second vicar of All Saints’, who had been a distinguished army chaplain and writer, reflected on the experience of the war when preaching at All Saints’ on his visits to the parish just after the war had finished. “There are no words” he said “foul and filthy enough to describe war.” The tower captain of the church was killed in action, and two bells were subsequently installed in his memory.

We owe it to our predecessors and our successors to make something new of the anniversary. On 11th November, bell ringers at All Saints’ will join many thousands of bell ringers at more than 3,000 towers across

the country to celebrate the day that the guns fell silent, and the peace and friendship that now exists between former enemies. The bells will be “half-muffled” in the early morning, but will be rung in a more celebratory tone, similar to a wedding, at 12.30pm.

We must look back but also forward. Our God is one who brings peace to hearts and calls us to seek reconciliation. In our worship we receive the power to forgive, the courage to cross borders and barriers and to approach differences with curiosity and compassion, rather than fear. Indeed, it is this peace that we exchange every Sunday during our main service. As we mark the centenary of the signing of the Armistice we see that only cooperation and international understanding will lead to world peace and acknowledge our own responsibility in our own homes and in our lives, to ensure that conflict does not lead to the aggression and destruction.

Best wishes,

Andrew

On September 23rd 2018 we marked the 30th anniversary of the official opening of Archbishop Runcie C of E First School. If you remember that day would be happy to come and talk to the children please contact Andrew Shipton. The School is holding an open afternoon and exhibition of photographs on Thursday 25th October from 2pm to which all are welcome. Please see page 22.

Farewell to Steve



Evening Prayer in the All Saints’ Centre, 16th September: Revd. Captain Steve Dixon’s last service as curate of All Saints’, before becoming vicar of Tynemouth Priory Holy Saviour.
Photo: Andrew Shipton

Citizens Tyne and Wear

“Come and see” was what Philip said to Nathanael when the latter was wondering whether there was anything in what he was being told about Jesus. I was bitten with the Citizens bug, not through hearing about it, but by seeing how hundreds of people of goodwill, organised together, can have such a powerful voice.

All Saints’ joined Citizens Tyne & Wear back in April, as part of our ongoing commitment to show concern for our neighbourhood and wider community. If you are still wondering how Citizens works and how the people of All Saints’ can join in, then here are two golden opportunities to find out more.

Reclaim The Metro: 13th October 12 noon

During a “listening campaign” in 2017, Citizens heard many stories about the increase in verbal and physical acts of violence against Muslims. Women on public transport across our region were particular targets. Citizens has since been working with transport providers to develop a hate crime policy for our region, to tackle such Islamophobia. Join Tyne & Wear Citizens to bring together people of all faiths and none to reclaim the metro in solidarity. Nobody should travel on our public transport



Citizens Tyne & Wear forming a human chain around Newcastle Central Mosque in response to so-called “punish a Muslim day,” April 2018

system and be in fear of physical or verbal abuse. Women who would like to are invited to wear a headscarf for the day (headscarves provided). Meet at the Monument at 12 and hear from sisters about their experiences.

Citizens Mental Health Assembly 22nd November 6pm

Another common concern picked up in last year’s listening campaign was about mental health services, particularly for children and young people. This Spring, Citizens listened to over 400 individual mental health testimonies from across the region (including a number from All Saints’!). Since then, our Mental Health Commission (including yours truly) has worked hard to identify practical solutions to some of the problems that we heard about.

We invite you to join us at the Newcastle Civic Centre Banqueting Hall as we engage with the key decision-makers in local government, health services and civil society. The Banqueting Hall holds 600, so we are looking for at least that many people of goodwill to join us in encouraging those with power to make positive changes for the mental health and wellbeing of our communities (don’t worry, there will be overflow seating if needed!)

If you would like to hear more about Citizens or these two events, please feel free to ask me, but if you really want to understand then **come and see!** You will need to book a ticket online at eventbrite (or ask me and I’ll do it for you):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reclaim-the-metro-tickets-48275313763?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-mental-health-assembly-tickets-47277143208>

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Come and Sing with our informal Saturday vocal get togethers at 5pm on Saturdays (27th October and 10th November 2018) in the All Saints’ Centre, followed by refreshments. We’ll be exploring traditional hymns with modern settings, altogether new hymns, and revising songs we may have long forgotten, with the aim of increasing the repertoire for all. You don’t need to bring the best voice ever, but you do need to bring enthusiasm! More details from the Church office. Diana Lavin.

Sahara Challenge: November 2018



A huge thank-you to everyone who baked and donated for St. Oswald's Hospice at the cake sale on Sunday 2nd September. Well done, we raised £200!

This reflects the kind and generous community of All Saints'—which I am so grateful to be a part of.

With many requests for another sale—watch this space for another event soon.

What difference can your donation make?

St. Oswald's Hospice is a local charity in the North East, based in Gosforth, who care for children and adults with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions, and their families. The Hospice makes no charge for its services, ensuring hospice care is available to everyone.

Annual running costs exceed £11 million. From this, £8 million must be raised through voluntary giving. They rely heavily on the support, effort and generosity of the local community, in order to be able to provide a much-needed service. Your donation will help to make a real difference to the lives of local people.

Being told that you or someone you love has a serious illness is a frightening and isolating experience. At St Oswald's, patients and their families are supported so that they do not have to face their fears alone, and are able to experience the best quality of life possible, for however long that might be.



Across all services, patient-centred care is provided, focused on the individual, their well-being, comfort, dignity and quality of life, as well as supporting their loved ones and family.

Patients are able to enjoy special moments. This could be simply spending time in the private and peaceful gardens with their families, fulfilling a wish or request for something they have

always wanted to do, or celebrating a special birthday or Christmas at St Oswald's.

These special moments are made possible because of the expert care, advice and support that the nursing staff provide. The nursing team are experts in pain management and symptom control, ensuring the patients are comfortable, relaxed and able to spend quality time with the people that matter most to them.

I am participating in the Sahara Desert Challenge to raise vital funds for the Hospice from 3rd to 10th November 2018. This will consist of a five-day trek of the Moroccan part of the Sahara desert, trekking 15-20km in 40° heat! I will be climbing towering sand dunes, uncovering the secrets of desert survival from local Berber guides, trekking across vast sun-baked plains, and camping under the night sky. After the trek, I will be assisting with a Community Project in Marrakech, with hands-on tasks such as refurbishment, redecorating and gardening, which make an instant, visible and positive impact for the local community.

Through the Challenge I am aiming to raise a total of £3,000 towards the work of St Oswald's Hospice.

Please visit my online page for updates and to make a donation:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/asima-riaz5>

Thank you for your support.

Asima Riaz



Tales from the Tower

With Tower Captain Paul Cross



Grace and Lily McCabe

Welcoming our new ringers! Avid followers of this (occasional) column may remember that at All Saints' we follow the Association of Ringing Teachers' (ART) scheme and guidelines for teaching new ringers and nurturing older ones—in experience, not age, that is.

Recently we presented five of our ringers with awards for levels of achievement. Grace and Lily McCabe, both old hands at this art, received their Level 2 certificates and our three adult learners have just achieved Level 1.

Level 1 is no mean feat. These three ringers have spent two evenings a week for the best part of a year learning first of all how to handle a bell and then how to make it do what you want it to do. It's not just pulling ropes, you know! Several hundredweight of bell metal can have a mind of its own and takes a bit of taming.

Numbers in our band are good right now, but we always welcome new learners.

Paul Cross



L to r: Steve Rigby, Judith McLane and Liz Lawson

All Saints' Church Amnesty Group: Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

There has been a lot of press publicity recently about the case of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe who was arrested on 3rd April 2016 as she was leaving Iran after a visit to family.



Picture: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/help-get-nazanin-zaghari-ratcliffe-home>

Nazanin was suddenly released from Evin Prison on furlough in August this year, but was re-arrested three days later. Her husband, Richard, has praised the efforts of the new foreign secretary on her behalf. The following is an extract from an open letter that he wrote on 2nd September to Iran Foreign Minister, Zarif. We hope and pray that Nazanin's situation changes by the time you read this.

Dear Foreign Minister Zarif,

This week has been a tough one for Nazanin and our family—with her release and re-imprisonment. At the end, we felt held together by sellotape. It was a week of two pictures.

A week ago Nazanin was suddenly released from Evin Prison on furlough for Eid. She had been given 10 minutes notice before she was out on the street, and had used a passerby's phone to call for family help. I was awoken to see her smiling face on Skype—the first time I had seen her in over two years. Three hours later, Gabriella was in her arms, an image shared on front pages around the world, a picture that even your Iranian Ambassador to the UK tweeted, his celebration cheering our hopes.

Three days later came the second picture—when Nazanin's release suddenly came to an end. It was a day of cruel disbelief—different Iranian officials gave different messages—but it was back to black all the same. Nazanin vowed to walk into Evin with her head held high, reassuring her daughter's tears.

Back in prison, we had the offstage effects. Nazanin called me on Tuesday—one of our toughest conversations. She wished she had never been released. She said she felt like one of the radical Islamists' captives—as though she had been paraded on

the balcony and then hidden away again. After that call Nazanin collapsed, the result of two panic attacks.

Some things in our story are very public, some things are often hidden away. Nazanin is one of a number of Iranian dual nationals held on invented political charges, a wave of ordinary people taken in political battles following the nuclear deal.

This past two years we have been asking: What good is a government if it cannot protect its citizens from abuse? This week the new UK foreign secretary was increasingly clear about the unfairness of Nazanin's situation. It is time for the Iranian government to protect its own citizens from the excesses of other parts of the regime.

Yours,

Richard Ratcliffe



What can I do to help Traidcraft?

You might have seen in the news recently that Traidcraft is facing difficult times. Since 1979, Traidcraft has been pioneering fair trade in the UK. Today, the business is in a period of consultation, planning a way it can work sustainably in the future. But it needs your help.

Traidcraft currently works with over 100 producers from 30 countries. This autumn season is Traidcraft's most impactful yet, and it needs to be a success.

What can I do to help?

Go to the Traidcraft website and sign up to receive their email newsletters, which will let you know how you can continue to help Traidcraft in the future

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/what-can-my-church-do>



From the Youth Worker

Lumos

It goes without saying that I am a huge fan of the Harry Potter series. I must have read the first book at least ten times, and I still listen to the audio books even today, as a 27-year-old. In fact, if I ever ignore you when I'm walking down the street, don't take it personally, I probably have my earphones in and I'm listening to another Harry Potter.

This book was heavily criticised by some churches when it was first released. They claimed that there was no place for magic and sorcery, and some even went as far as to ban their congregations from reading it.

How I wish I could go back in time and tell these churches how silly they were being. No churches would ban the Narnia series because it contains witchcraft, for the simple reason that there are such powerful gospel messages encompassed in these stories.

Well, Harry Potter is no different! I won't drop a spoiler, but the last book certainly has great comparisons with the basic Gospel message.

Throughout the series we see a clear battle between light and darkness. The continuing battle between Harry and Voldemort, the Order of the Phoenix versus Death Eaters.

There's a terrible plant in these books called Devil's Snare. If any of you struggle with overgrown ivy in your gardens, just be glad it isn't this plant instead. Devil's Snare is a pretty nasty piece of greenery; it will wrap itself around anything nearby and begin to squash anyone it can reach. In the first book, Hermione shows us how we have to shine light in order to overcome this plant. "*Lumos.*"

After entering a trap-door the three children find themselves caught up in the Devil's Snare. Hermione remembers reading how, if you keep calm and do not struggle, it will ignore you and let you go. Well, this may be fine for Hermione, but Ron isn't quite so calm. The evil plant begins to wrap itself around the struggling redhead and he's in a terribly dangerous situation. Hermione knows the only way to save him, and so



she lights up her wand and the plant retreats, releasing the dying Ron.

The Bible often speaks of Light. We hear of how it overcomes the darkness. Matthew 5:16 reads: “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

We read in the news of some atrocious deeds which continue to take place in the world today. Perhaps it is charity workers who have taken advantage of people in need, or maybe it is the latest terrorist attack designed to kill many. Whatever the situation, we are told that the Light of the World can overcome this darkness.

As we go out into this world, we should shine our lights, show God’s love, to all that we meet. You never know how this love might affect someone’s life. Someone might be caught up in their own struggle against a Devils Snare, but it’s up to us to shine the light which can free them.

Andrew Mason

Some Light-Hearted Jokes

“Hey God, what are you making?”

“Just a wooden stick that lights a fire.”

“Sounds like a match made in heaven.”

You know, the other day I was trying to work out how lightning works; and then it struck me!

After God created 24 hours of alternative darkness and light, one of the angels asked Him, “What are you going to do now?” God said, “I think I’m going to call it a day.”

Andrew Mason

Afternoon Tea Club



At a recent meeting of the Tuesday afternoon tea club Sue May led a session on floral art, with some excellent results!

Picture: Valerie Farthing

See also back cover

Heritage Open Day

Saturday 8th September marked a busy Heritage Open Day for All Saints’. As usual we offered hospitality, organ recitals, Tower tours etc. However this year we were also treated to a visit from the Right Revd Colin Buchanan, former Bishop of Woolwich and Principal of St John’s College, Nottingham, as part of our contribution to the Bishop’s Mission Weekend.

On the Saturday morning over 30 people came to hear Bishop Colin speak on the pros and cons of retaining heritage whilst promoting the faith today. There were plenty of questions at the end, and pamphlets were available at the back of church from the Bishop’s Grove Books publishing company.

Twenty individuals, including four young people, braved the 65 steps during visits to the ringing chamber before and after lunch to hear a brief talk and see a demonstration of bell ringing.

There was an art exhibition, local history display, and an excellent church treasure hunt arranged by Revd. Steve Dixon—I bet you cannot find the man out hunting with his dog in the stained glass!

Add to this organ recitals in the morning and afternoon and tea/coffee served all day – an altogether satisfying and convivial open day for the church.

Stuart Henderson

Bishop’s visits to schools

Prior to the Heritage Open Day, on Friday 7th September Bishop Colin Buchanan had a full schedule visiting three of our local schools. His visits to Newcastle School for Boys and Archbishop Runcie First School are shown opposite.

The Bishop also visited Archibald First School for an assembly on the afternoon where he was again interviewed. He was asked about his experience of the bombing of London during the Second World War and asked about the importance of telling the truth. The dialogue with the children was lively, and went over the allotted time.

Newcastle School for Boys

On the second day of their return to school, Year 11–13 Religious Studies students from Newcastle School for Boys had the opportunity to meet with Bishop Colin Buchanan over fish and chips.

The boys were interested to hear about his story, as well as engaging in difficult questions such as: where the Church fits into what many perceive to be an increasingly secular society; whether or not Jesus suggests a radical life-style; and the challenges that liturgical worship can bring.



Picture: Mrs. T. Inness

Archbishop Runcie First School

In the morning Bishop Colin joined children for an assembly at Archbishop Runcie First School, discussing his personal road to faith.



Picture: Jenny Burns

A visit to Iran

I have just returned from a memorable trip to Iran where we visited the major cities and tourist centres of Tehran, Isfahan and Shiraz as well as Kashan and Yazd on the edge of the desert, travelling many miles by road and rail.

Everywhere we visited there were magnificent mosques with tiled facades and domes, palaces with elaborate decoration in mirror work as well as citadels and caravanserais evoking previous dynasties in Iran's eventful history. Our guide was very informative about just how extensive and powerful the Persian Empire was in the past.



Golestan Palace, Tehran



Tomb of Cyrus the Great

Everywhere we went people were very friendly and smiled at us in the street. They spoke to us no matter how limited their English was, and, bizarrely, wanted to have a photograph taken with us.

We were very much aware that we were in an Islamic country and had to remind ourselves to wear head covering all the time, but many of the young Iranian women manage to make a fashion statement out of their dress and can arrange their headscarves in an elegant way—a subtle protest against the regime? We did, however, visit the Zoroastrian temple in Yazd and the Armenian quarter in Isfahan, where the churches appear to

One of the highlights was a visit to the ruins of Persepolis, founded by Cyrus the Great in the 6th century BC. His name is familiar to us from the Old Testament as the king who allowed the return of the Jews to their homeland from exile in Babylon.

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Ruth in Islamic headwear



Muharram procession

be open for business.

While we were there it was Muharram, the month of mourning for the martyr Ali Hussein in the 7th century, and on our last day in Shiraz we witnessed processions in the streets with crowds of men (and also many young boys) beating themselves with chains. It was quite a spectacle.

The bazaars offered much in the way of crafts and jewellery, and while for us as tourists things were very cheap, life is not so easy for the Iranians, as the exchange rate for the rial almost doubled during our stay, giving us twice as much, but the Iranians half of what they had before. International relations (or the lack of them) are obviously having an effect.

I'm trying to adjust to temperatures here, after an average of the high 30s with a maximum of 37° there!

Ruth Birnie

Christmas Fayre

You are warmly invited to All Saints' Christmas Fayre

1st December 2018 10.30 - 12.30.

There will be many stalls, old and new. Come along and enjoy a sociable, informal and fun morning, a festive start to the Christmas season.

See you there!

Madagascar Cataract Surgery Fundraiser 2018

Madagascar is the poorest country in the world that is not in conflict. It is known for its diverse wildlife, but the plight of its people is often forgotten. Malnutrition affects nearly 50% of children in Madagascar, and access to eye care is very limited. This is being addressed by a project at Mandritsara Hospital, where Keyes Eyecare in Ashburton Road contribute a little to the work of the eye clinic.

You can help make a difference through a Keyes Eyecare partnership with Mandritsara Hospital. For every pair of glasses purchased at Keyes Eyecare during October, funds will be donated to enable a cataract operation at Mandritsara. For **In Touch** readers, this has been extended for all of November, too.

The link between Keyes Eyecare and Mandritsara has come through Vicky Hopley, a friend of Andrew & Louise Keyes. Vicky comments:

I am a Missionary Optometrist, sent by St Mary's Church in Ponteland, through "Friends of Mandritsara Trust," to work in the ophthalmology department of a rural Christian hospital. I work alongside three Malagasy staff offering a very basic eye service. It never ceases to amaze me that despite the remote location, people can still have a cataract operation. For many this involves walking for several days across the rainforest. Being part of a team that provides this life-changing gift of sight is such a privilege.

The hospital undertakes about 450 cataract operations each year. The total cost of an operation is about £30. The patients and their family will save up for their contribution, and often will sell a cow to cover the cost. Culturally, it is very important for patients to pay for their health care, but our goal is to keep the cost of care to a minimum, so that it is accessible to all. We subsidise the cost of every cataract operation by £10, and need to raise funding for this. Andrew and the patients at Keyes Eyecare ran a very successful campaign last year, so we're delighted to be doing so again this autumn.



At Mandritsara, cataract surgery isn't done until vision is very poor, so the result of the surgery is immediate and dramatically life changing. This project has been set up directly by me with the hospital in Mandritsara so that every penny given goes to clinical care. There are no administrative costs associated with this project; everything given goes directly to benefit patients in Madagascar. If you would like to make a donation towards this great project, you can do so online at

www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/cataractfundraising

Or, treat yourself to a new pair of glasses and the team at Keyes will do the rest!

Andrew Keyes

A reminder of the membership of the All Saints' Safeguarding Group

Enid Mitchel (Chair), Andrew Shipton, Keith Kennils (DBS Parish Recorder), Kath Davies (Safeguarding Officer), Alison Charlewood, Andrew Mason and Lesley Atkinson.

In the Community

Les Blyth: Ashburton Barbering



Photo: Andrew Shipton

are two full-time and one part-time member of staff, newspapers to read as you wait, and there is always a warm welcome.

There has been a gentlemen's hairdresser at the junction of Salters' Road and Ashburton Road for more than 70 years.

Les Blyth, the owner of Ashburton Barbering, started working at the shop in 1991, and bought the business in 2013. Trained at Gateshead College, he keeps up with new styles and finds YouTube helpful. He told me that hair styles go in fashions of longer or shorter cuts.

Many of Lee's customers return again and again. There

Andrew Shipton



Official opening of Archbishop Runcie C of E First School on 23rd September 1988.

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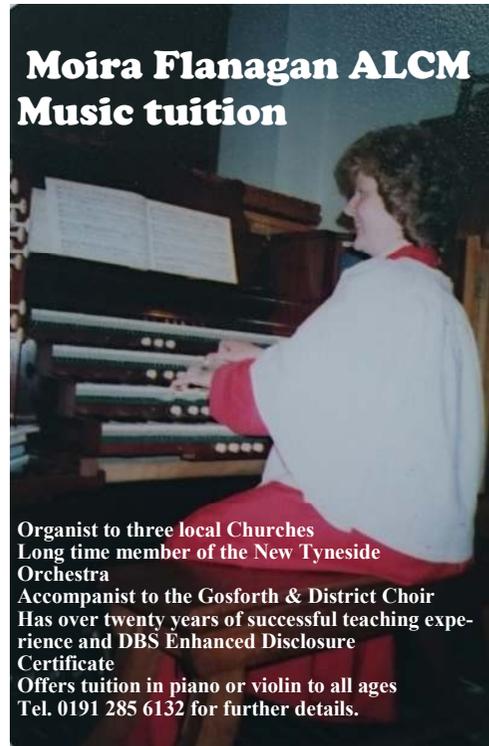
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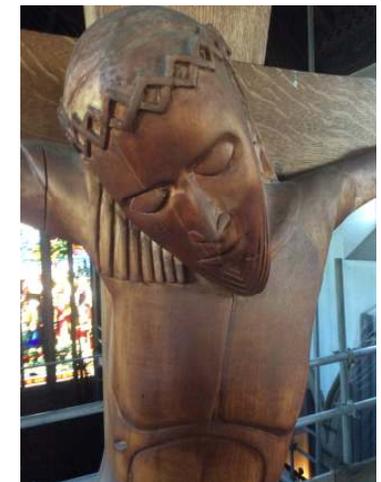
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 Accompanist to the Gosforth & District Choir
 Has over twenty years of successful teaching experience and DBS Enhanced Disclosure Certificate
 Offers tuition in piano or violin to all ages
 Tel. 0191 285 6132 for further details.



Close up of The Kennedy Cross Memorial

The strange silence of Biblical women

In **In Touch** August–September 2018, with the help of Ruth Birnie, we gave a list of women in the Bible, to see how many you could recognise. We haven't room to tell you all about them, but we've given their Biblical references, and classified them in five categories. Some of them belong in more than one category.

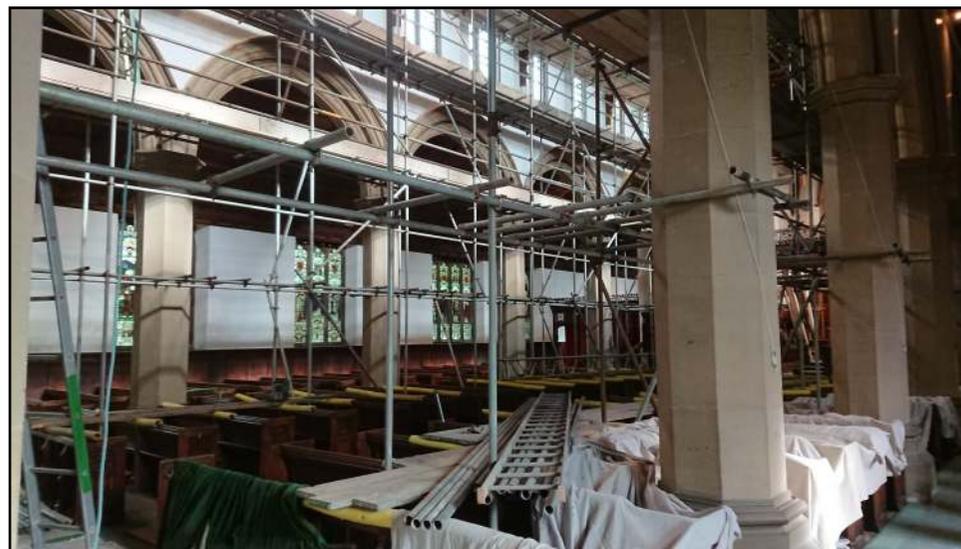
V = Victim of male cruelty or discrimination; P = Protestor; D = Deliverer; S = Sexual Intrigue; H = Honoured by God

Hagar	V P D S H	Genesis 16:1-16 & 21:9-21
Lot's Girls	V D S	Genesis 19:1-11 & 30-38
Leah and Rachel	V S	Genesis 29:1–33:20
Dinah	V S	Genesis 34:1-29
Tamar	V P D S H	Genesis 38:1-30
Shiphrah	V P D H	Exodus 1:6-22
Puah	V P D H	Exodus 1: 6-22
Jochebed	V P D	Exodus 2:1-9
Zipporah	D	Exodus 4:19-26
Zelophehad's Girls	V P D H	Numbers 27:1-11 & 36:1-12
Rahab	D S H	Joshua 2:1-21 & 6:22-27
Achsah	V P	Joshua 15:13-19 & Judges 1:12-15
Jael	D	Judges 4:1-24
Deborah	D	Judges 4:4-10 & 5:1-31
Lady Millstone	D	Judges 9:50-54
Jephthah's Daughter	V	Judges 11:29-40
Manoah	S H	Judges 13:1-24
The Levite's Concubine	V S	Judges 19:1-30
Ruth	V S H	Ruth 1:10–4:22
Hannah	V P S H	1 Samuel 1:1–2:21
Mrs Phinehas	V	1 Samuel 4:12-22
Merab & Michal	V	1 Samuel 18:17-30 & 25:44
Abigail	V P D	1 Samuel 25:1-44
Lady Endor	V P	1 Samuel 28:8-25
Bathsheba	V S H	2 Samuel 11:1-27
Tamar	V S	2 Samuel 13:1-22
Lady Tekoa	D	2 Samuel 14:1-24
Lady Abel-Bethmaacah	D	2 Samuel 20:14-22
Rizpah	V P D S H	2 Samuel 21:1-14
Huldah	H	2 Kings 22:14-22
Foreign Wives (100s)	V	Ezra 9:1-10, 44
Shallum's Girls	D	Nehemiah 3:12
Esther	V P D S H	Esther 1:1–10:3

Church Closure for Refurbishment

Please note that All Saints' will be closed during the week from 10th September until 24th October to enable the decorating and lighting works to go ahead. Sunday services will continue in the All Saints' Centre until Sunday 21st October.

Two weeks into the project, and already the North wall is looking brighter. As well as redecoration and lighting, the clerestory windows will be cleaned as part of the project.



Work in progress. Photo: Andrew Shipton

Thank you from the Treasurer

On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank everyone who has given so generously for the Church Redecoration and Lighting Replacement.

Because of the large number of those who have donated it has not been possible to thank everyone individually. The work has started, and the product of your gifts will soon be evident. Once again, thank you all.

Fred Carr, Treasurer

Organ Recital

Alison Rudd is giving an organ recital for the Newcastle Anglo-Scandinavian Society on Saturday 27th October at 5pm, and all are welcome to attend.

Alison studied music at Bath College of Higher Education, and the organ in Bath Abbey with Dudley Holroyd and David Ponsford, and afterwards at Durham Cathedral with Richard Lloyd. She worked as a full-time organist in Norway for four years, 1986-1990. Since returning to the north-east she has worked as a peripatetic music teacher in Northumberland and North Tyneside, teaching piano, keyboard and flute. She was organist at St Bartholomew's, Longbenton,



1990-94, St Lawrence, Warkworth, 1994-2004, and is currently organist at St John the Baptist, Alnmouth and St Mary the Virgin, Lesbury. Last year she was awarded a bursary by the Brereton Memorial Fund to study organ improvisation with Kerry Beaumont at Coventry Cathedral.

The programme will include music from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and England, and some improvisation on two Scandinavian hymns. Although many of the pieces may not be so well-known outside of Scandinavia, Alison has chosen an "audience-friendly" programme.

Members of the All Saints' walking group had a preview when they visited Lesbury Church in August and heard Alison practising. They really enjoyed the Swedish wedding march!

We hope you will join Alison and the Anglo-Scandinavian Society for what will be a most enjoyable evening of music. Coffee and biscuits will be served during the interval, and a collection taken.

Alison Rudd

Missions of the Month

Each month any plate donations from our services are given to a nominated charity agreed by the PCC, unless otherwise stated.

Gift Aid envelopes, when received from the organisations we support, are placed in the pews for those who feel able to increase their donations in this way. If there are no envelopes in your pew, please use a yellow All Saints' envelope by crossing out "All Saints'" and writing the name of the relevant Mission of the Month in its place.

October: Church Urban Fund—Together Newcastle

Together Newcastle works with churches, individuals and organisations in a variety of ways to find the best fit locally. We focus on:

Supporting local churches in mission

Seeking to create a fairer financial system

Forging links between organisations to support homeless people

Providing support around funding applications

Often, ideas come from a conversation, and then you find you need some help to make them happen! Together Newcastle works by using an "asset-based approach". This means we start by identifying what skills and assets you and your community have and we take it from there.

We want to help build stronger associations and relationships in communities, where people have a sense of identity, recognised for what they bring and contribute, and where resources are shared for the benefit of all.

November: Unlock

A Christian charity that exists to help urban churches to respond to challenges concerned with Bible engagement with "non book" or "oral learners" cultures. Unlock's methods involve discovering people's experiences and using storytelling and video to unlock Bible stories based on these experiences.

Donations sent out since the last In Touch:

June Cornerstone, Benwell £797.29

Many thanks for all the continued contributions you give to all the organisations we support. Please continue to look at the Mission of the Month display board each month to find out more about each Mission and take away any literature supplied. Acknowledgements from the

supported organisations are also displayed on the board when they are received.

Chris Matthews, Mission Secretary

PCC Digest

At the PCC meeting on 3rd September it was reported that:

A good response has been received from the data protection letters sent to everyone on the database.

There is now a plan for **St. Hugh's and Coxlodge Methodists** to hold joint services on some Sundays; successful social events have been held between the two congregations.

Mrs Massey has been given a one-year appointment as head teacher for **Archbishop Runcie First School**.

The **defibrillator** will be installed after the tennis and bowling clubs have been instructed on its use.

A programme of **autumn events**, including the Christmas Fayre, is now available.

The **general fund** remains of concern to our treasurer; the planned giving scheme needs to be promoted. An explanation of the contributions to the Sunday services plate is to be included regularly in the weekly pew sheet and the **In Touch** magazine. A **card reader** for payments is now available in the office.

The **verger's house** has a new tenant.

Peter Brown gave an overview of future plans for the church and grounds; a mature, diseased tree needs to be felled for safety reasons. The Columba and Augustine rooms are to be updated by the churchwardens.

The **Mothers' Union** need to update their Health and Safety assessment for the All Saints' Centre.

Ray Wagner has been appointed as a Sidesperson.

A new **electoral roll** will be required in 2019.

Andrew expressed the PCC's grateful thanks to **Steve Dixon**, wishing him well in his new post.

Dee Matthews, PCC Member

Full minutes of each PCC meeting are displayed at the back of the church following their acceptance at the next meeting of the PCC.

From the registers

Send us your photographs to
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Baptisms

8th July:

Henry James Donald Brett

9th September:

Owen Anthony Lavin Rajasekhar

Weddings:

4th August:

Kevin Tate & Louise Chipchase

Funerals

17th August:

John Flintoff

4th September

Yuit Gui (Jan) Sivell

18th September:

Jean Rutherford Parkin



The House Group at the Vicarage on a Wednesday at 7.30pm continues until half term. The discussion focuses on Brian Drapers book 'What Matters Most', which explores the pressures of working and family life and points to practical ways to nourish souls.

Steve Dixon's farewell (see p. 6). Photo: Andrew Shipton



Dates for your Diary

October	
7th, 9.30am	Harvest Festival
13th, 6.30pm	Quiz Night in the Centre
14th, 3.30pm	Harvest Service for the housebound, in the Centre
27th, 5.00pm	Organ Recital by Alison Rudd
27th, 5.00pm	Come & Sing Workshop in the Centre
November	
1st, 2.00pm	Come and Sing Workshop for young people
4th, 9.30am	Festive Eucharist and Thanksgiving
9th, 7.30pm	Music for Remembrance by Musica Johannis
11th, 9.30am	Remembrance Sunday service followed by service in Gosforth Central Park at 10.45am
17th, 4.00-6.00pm	Culture Kitchen, cooked by asylum seekers
18th, 6.00pm	Amnesty Vigil
24th, 5.00pm	Come & Sing Workshop
December	
1st, 10.30 am – 12.30pm	Christmas Fayre

All Saints' Weekly Services

Tuesday	10.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	11.30am	Café Church (first Sunday of every month)
	6.30pm	Evening Service or Prayers for Healing. Evensong last Sunday of the month.



The afternoon tea club recently had an afternoon of flower arranging (p. 15). Regular Jeanette Lusk won this lovely raffle prize to take home.

Photo: Valerie Farthing

If you have a picture you would like to share with us, please email allsaintsintouch@outlook.com

