

THE REVIEW

FEBRUARY 2019



Springtime Desert Flowers

**“The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.” [Song of Solomon 2:12 ESV]**

**WADDINGTON STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,
DURHAM CITY DH1 4BG**

Church Website: www.durhamurc.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND CHURCH NEWS

Ministerial Services – Anyone requiring the services of a Minister should contact their own Elder who will make enquiries on their behalf.

Time of Sunday Services – **10.45 a.m.**

WEEKLY NOTICE SHEETS –

Please forward details of items and events for the weekly notice sheets to Peter Galloway – email pagalloway@hotmail.com or mobile phone number **07 763 912 670**.

STUDENT EVENINGS IN 2019 – TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY – theme – Pancakes.

CHURCH AGM - SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2019 – in the Hall, after the service.

COPY DATE FOR THE MARCH 2019 REVIEW IS – SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2019.



Christiane Mitchell's daughter has written to say "thank you" to those Church members who have visited her mother, or sent cards or messages of support.

Christiane is much missed at Church for her helpfulness, warmth and friendliness and we hope she will be back with us before too long.



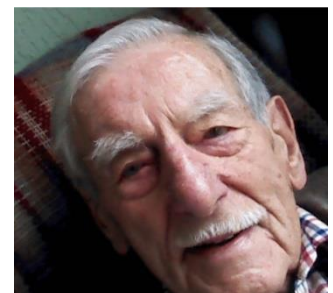
The Christmas Lunch at Church raised the excellent sum of **£414** for the work of the Waddington Street Centre.

As always, Judy Banister and her helpers did a great job in providing a really flavoursome meal and much good fellowship was also enjoyed.

Thanks to all who contributed to this event in any way.

JACK STOREY ...

Jack Storey and family cordially invite his Church friends to pop in and celebrate his 100th birthday on Saturday 2nd March 2019 in the Church Hall between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Fundraising for the Waddington Street Centre – our first chosen charity of our year - finished with a total of £4421.60p – an excellent result.

Our second charity to be supported from now until the end of June is the Great North Air Ambulance – more information in this issue of The Review.

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN AID OF THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Sunday 10th February 2019 – Lunch in the Hall after the Church Service.

Friday 8th March 2019 – from 10 a.m. till 12 noon –

Coffee Morning at the Thornborrows at 7 Saint Oswalds Drive, Durham DH1 3TE

It is hoped that we can all participate in a fundraising exercise over the period of Lent in conjunction with a daily prompt sheet entitled “Count Your Blessings”. Copies of this will be on the Church Website, included in the next Review and available from members of the fundraising committee.

Notice of other fundraising events will be given in the next Review.



Notes from the Elders' Meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2018

1. The Elders were pleased to hear that Ruth Crofton will take over arrangements for the 'Reform' magazine in 2019.
2. Elders were grateful to Helen Cockburn for her design of an attractive A4 sheet containing details of our Christmas services and refreshments and with an invitation to them. Elders agreed that copies of this would be provided for distribution among the members of all the groups that use the church premises and also for those in Waddington Street Centre.
3. Kathleen Clasper has compiled a comprehensive list of the addresses of all the visiting preachers to our church and they will receive a church Christmas card.
4. The Elders took a time of silence to remember members of our congregation.
5. The Elders reviewed and agreed actions for various pieces of correspondence including notification of a carol service in Newcastle, information on domestic abuse, a request to be part of a post graduate's research and annual information that synod requires on our church.
6. Following a discussion on the 'Stepwise' publication the Elders decided to wait on synod's implementation of the programme.
7. Elders discussed a variety of suggestions and ideas on increasing church membership.
8. Elders noted that it had been decided at the previous church meeting to fundraise for The Great North Air Ambulance for the first 6 months of 2019 and for Hope for Justice during the last 6 months of 2019. The elders hope that a representative from Hope for Justice would provide information on the work of the charity at a church service in June 2019.
9. The Elders noted that the church meeting had agreed that the 2019 church meetings would be held on the 17th March, 23rd June, 22nd September and 1st December.
10. The Elders agreed that the church hall would be open for a Bring and Share Lunch on the 1st January 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

(Janet Thornborrow)



Notes from the Elders' Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2019

1) Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Item 5a – Kirsty Thomas had requested a volunteer from our church to attend a 2 hour ecumenical session which will form part of a post graduate student's research. Ron Todd and Malcolm Reay will address this between them.
- ii) District Reports - District reports were given and prayers offered.

2) Christmas arrangements -

- i) The Elders reviewed the services taken over the festive period. Services on 23, 24 and 25 December were all well received and had good attendances. Our giving of Christmas cards to premise users and advertising flyers were a step in the right direction to attract attendees but it was agreed to start advertising earlier in 2019 and approach more people direct. The joint service with our new church grouping on 30 December was hailed a great success with over 60 attendees. Worship and fellowship was warmly received and embraced by all. With the variation of worship shown in these services and their success the meeting then discussed how and when we could look to our forms and patterns of worship to offer any variety with possible 'invitation' services, perhaps at Easter or in a single act of worship. The meeting agreed to follow this up at a later meeting.

3) Charity Changeover.

- i) The meeting discussed handing over the money raised (£4408.60p) to the Waddington Street Centre. After discussion it was agreed that Fred Robinson would advise the congregation of the money raised and Elders will seek his advice on how the money should be handed over. The amount also to be published in the church magazine. The new charity fund raising will be for the NE Air Ambulance. The period of fundraising will be from 1 January to 30 June 2019. Events need to be organised. The meeting agreed to contact the organisation to advise them that we were raising funds for them and also to obtain information about their work. At the end of June we will fundraise for Hope for Justice charity for 6 months. Sandy has made contact with them to get information about their work. We hope to have a 'Hope for Justice' Service in June this year.

- 4) **Number of Elders** – the meeting discussed the possible increase in the number of Elders in the Church. Discussion concluded that the numbers were adequate but we would look at Elders taking more services using different styles of worship, possibly inviting specific groups/churches to attend. It was also agreed to involve church meetings in more discussion about everyday matters that affect everyone.

5) A.O.B –

- i) **DBS checks** to be carried out by the end of January. Yvonne has tried the new system and will contact those volunteers to be cleared.
- ii) Sandy advised the meeting of an invite from Durham County Council about 'A Vision for our Future' this will be placed on the notice board.
- iii) Kath Ogilvie advised the meeting of a coffee morning to be held at her house on Wednesday 16 January 2019 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to chase away the winter blues.
- 6) The next meeting is on Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 7 p.m. Janet Thornborrow to chair the meeting and Helen to take the minutes.
- 7) The meeting closed with the saying of the Grace.

Yvonne Melville



EDITOR'S LETTER

DEAR READERS,

Welcome back to the first Review of 2019. I hope we can share our travels and happenings through The Review and I am always delighted to receive articles of general interest from members.

Les and I spent New Year in Scotland at Ballachulish Hotel and the weather was good, 3 dry days out of 4. We had visits to Oban, Fort William and the magnificent Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge, pictured below. On the journey home we went via Callendar, Stirling (with good views of the Castle and Wallace Monument) and passed the Kelpies (near Falkirk).



Our son, Mick, had his 50th birthday in January and we shared a meal with family and friends at the excellent Italian restaurant - La Spada - in Pity Me. It makes me feel old to have a son that age!

Our grand-daughter Lauren has the offer of a post at Manchester Children's Hospital, in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit (linked to Oncology), once she has qualified, so that was a piece of good news.

If you have anything you wish to contribute to The Review, please let me have it.

Lucille Thomson

The next issue of The Review will be published on **Sunday 3rd March 2019**.
Contributions please to Lucille Thomson at church or BY POST or **Tel. 0191-3861052**
or e-mail lesthomson@talktalk.net - no later than **NOON on Sunday 17th February 2019**.

My Crazy Life of Pain and Tears.

*Tap-tap-tap knocking at my door (my mind)
Tap-tap-tap, go away go away frightened and
Screaming please, please stay away and
Leave me alone I just don't know
What to do-petrified how can I go on?*

As a child my blankets and pillows were
Soaked with tears and sorrow, dead
People who have passed away just
Would not go away.

Bang-bang-bang, I banged my head off
The wall and floor, yes the ambulance
Is coming, it's coming to take me away.
First admission into psychiatric care,
Just what have I let myself in for? Pain
Yes: pain, tears and sorrow.
Reality? Yes this is reality.

I got admitted to Winterton hospital
Which was located next to Sedgfield,
County Durham. Just what was going on?
Medication time, what, what! Doctors say
Medication will make you better – they said.
Do you know something, medication?
What, where was I? I did not know
In a different world- months I was
In that hospital but with the help from my
Family, the time came; discharged
At last – hip-hip hooray, I was home.
The start of meds, including today.

Next admission was the County Hospital,
Durham. I have had lots of admissions over
The years into this famous hospital.
I remember them just as they were
Yesterday, Medication: years and years,
Different meds I have taken- some good and
Some bad. I have had a lot of
Electric shock treatment because I was
Suffering psychosis, as I do today.
Tears and tears my family have shed
Over me. When your mind is, as they say,
Broken, it takes a lot to fix it- keep
Taking my medication helps me
From one day to the next; and most of all
Support from my family and friends,
God and Sunderland football club,
Goal, goal – ball in the back of the net.

Can you hear the Sunderland roar?
Howay the lads, howay the lads!
This incredible roar helps me a lot.
Flags and scarves what a sight.
Listen, Listen? You can hear the roar
Can't you? Howay the lads.
Howay the lads - my favourite chant is:

*Darren Bent is fast as lightening
Darren Bent is red and white
Darren Bent is class when he scores a goal
And he is dynamite.*

Come and listen;
howay the lads, howay the lads.

(By Derek Jorden.
One of the Waddington Street Centre
Community.)

(Many thanks to Derek for sharing this very
personal item with us. Editor)



THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

Like many people, I'm sure we have too much "stuff". But as I grow older, I find there are more and more things around the house that I treasure because of memories they evoke. Such as the little crystal glass helicopter that nestles in the china cabinet, next to my mother's tea set and the Rhineland wine glasses we bought on a memorable holiday...



Back in 2002 I was minister at St. George's Sunderland, and Norma Leveridge looked after our other congregations in the city. We had already helped these churches to work more closely together when we faced the further challenge of the merging of two URC District Councils – County Durham with Teesside. To help us all get to know one another better, the District officers decided that year to organise a pulpit exchange to include all the churches and ministers.

At that time Hillian and I had a bolthole in Richmond and knew the Swaledale area quite well.

So we arranged for Norma to spend the weekend with us, and for Hillian to drive her up the Dale for the services at Low Row and Keld, while I went across to lead worship at Northallerton. If I remember rightly, we then had a meal with Peter and Daphne Clarke on the Sunday evening, where we all agreed that it had been a good day for all concerned.

But since Monday was Norma's usual day off, we suggested a walk in the Dale before heading back to Sunderland. It was one of our favourite walks: parking the car on the green at Reeth, we followed the river down to Marrick Priory, and then took the steep steps up the valley side to the village of Marrick. From there the path leads you on to Fremington Edge and the glorious view up the length of Arkengarthdale. But as we made our way down the hill back towards Reeth Norma slipped on the wet grass – and it quickly became clear that she was in real trouble, probably with a broken leg.

There was no mobile signal in the Dale and we were nowhere near a road or any likely source of help. Leaving Hillian to look after Norma I hurried through the fields to Reeth, where I made a 999 call from the public phone box. On my way back up the hillside I could hear the ambulance heading up the Dale, and soon found it parked at the end of an impossibly narrow track, about half a mile from the incident. I could see the ambulance men had quite a stretcher-bearing exercise ahead of them – but when I caught up with them I discovered this was not the case. "We've called the air ambulance" they told me.

Soon the helicopter landed on the edge of our field, and the paramedics were doing all that was needed to make Norma comfortable. I was a little amused at their earnest apology that because it was only a small craft, there was no room for us to accompany her on the flight to Northallerton. I'd had quite enough adventures for one day thank you! But we were able to visit Norma in hospital the following day, and before too long she was transferred to Sunderland and eventually was back at work.

When Christmas came she visited us with a gift to remind us of that very memorable day – a gift that we treasure still, not least since Norma on retirement returned to her home in Australia, and died not very long after. So we remember her friendship – but also, and the point of telling this story now, it reminds us of the Great Northern Air Ambulance and the way in which it provides a very important and worthwhile service. I'm so glad that we are making it the object of our fund-raising in the coming months, and would like to urge everyone to support those efforts generously. You can find out more about the Air Ambulance on line at www.greatnorthairambulance.co.uk. It's a service that deserves our support – and as we found out for ourselves, you never know when you might need it!

John Durell

[Extracts from Great North News Winter 2018]



PATIENT STORIES –

Bill Hasted, 81, of Aisgill, Kirkby Stephen, was airlifted twice in February 2017 after suffering two heart attacks.

When he first became ill, it took the charity just 12 minutes to fly him from his rural home to the specialist cardiac centre at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

But just three weeks later he needed to call upon GNAAS again after suffering another heart attack at home. Again he was flown to Carlisle, although subsequently he received additional care at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle.

Now feeling much better, Bill and his wife Pauline have visited the GNAAS base at Langwathby to say thank you to the crew and to tell them about their fundraising endeavours. Mrs. Hasted, 75, held Christmas fayres and a pie and pea supper at the Moorcock Inn, Garsdale Head, to “repay GNAAS” for helping Bill and raised £2,350 for the charity.

She said: “We live in the middle of nowhere with the nearest market town being Hawes which is eight miles away. That’s why we’re grateful we have an air ambulance covering our area.”

During the Langwathby visit, Bill got the chance to meet aircrew paramedics Terry Sharpe and Andy Dalton who both helped him last year. Mr. Hasted said: “The visit was really good. The crew were friendly and I enjoyed meeting them again so I could say thank you.”

This is exactly what we are here for and we are just glad we could make a difference. We are grateful to the family and the wider community for continuing to support us as we simply couldn’t carry on without this kind of generosity.

Mrs. Hasted added: “The service provided by GNAAS is absolutely brilliant, and I couldn’t fault them. If it hadn’t been for GNAAS I don’t think he would have been here now.”



PATIENT STORIES –

Harvey Herron with brother Keaton

Five-year-old **Harvey Herron** from Chilton was barely conscious after he was hit by a minibus as he crossed the road at Rushyford, County Durham. Harvey was playing on his bike with his friend when they ventured to the A167 Chilton bypass on July 11 2018. Harvey had crossed the road once but as he returned to his friend he was hit by a 16-seater travelling towards Ferryhill. He was treated on scene by the GNAAS doctor-led team and North East Ambulance Service, before he was flown to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle for further care.

Despite initial concerns over suspected head injuries, scans later revealed Harvey had escaped with only cuts and bruises and a chipped bone in his shoulder,

so he was able to go home the next day. Since then Harvey has visited the GNAAS base at Durham Tees Valley Airport to meet some of the medics who flew to his rescue.

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### **Neil Petch**

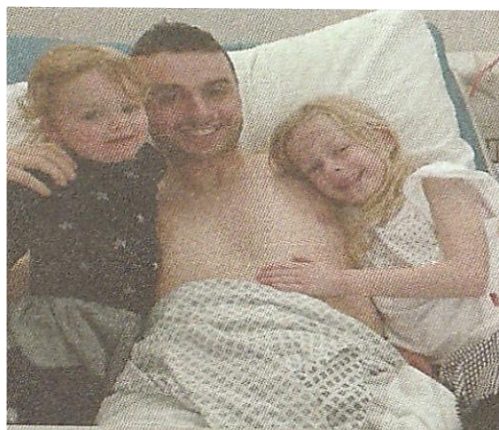
Cyclist Neil Petch, 36, from Spennymoor, suffered horrific injuries after he was thrown from his bike when a car smashed into the back of him at 65 mph in Newton Aycliffe.

Mr. Petch sustained fractures in his spine and a broken leg which required over 120 staples to help mend the wound after his calf became mangled in the car's headlight. He was airlifted by the GNAAS paramedic and doctor team to James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough on October 19th 2014 where he underwent skin grafts and spinal fixation surgery.

Mr. Petch's leg took approximately nine months to heal properly and he even got back on his bike seven months after the incident.

He visited the GNAAS base with his family to personally thank Dr. Dion Arbid who treated him and show his appreciation for the charity.

Mr. Petch said: "They are absolutely incredible and I can't thank them enough for what they did for me and my family"



**Neil Petch with daughters Isobel and Ruby**





**Namaste!** - I have just returned from an amazing trip to India on the Tea Planter's Tour (I did not get the job as a tea picker!) It was great to visit the tea gardens in Darjeeling and particularly in Assam where my India Tea Novels are set. Graeme and I were giving readings from these books to our group at various locations which were very special and atmospheric. We started in Kolkata, and gave a reading at the famous Tollygunge Club, before heading up to Darjeeling. We stayed at the Windamere Hotel which was like stepping back in time to the 1930s! (Left - Graeme having afternoon tea at the Windamere!) After visiting Darjeeling tea gardens (and drinking lots of tea) we then travelled to Assam where we stayed on a tea plantation and had a guided tour around a tea factory.



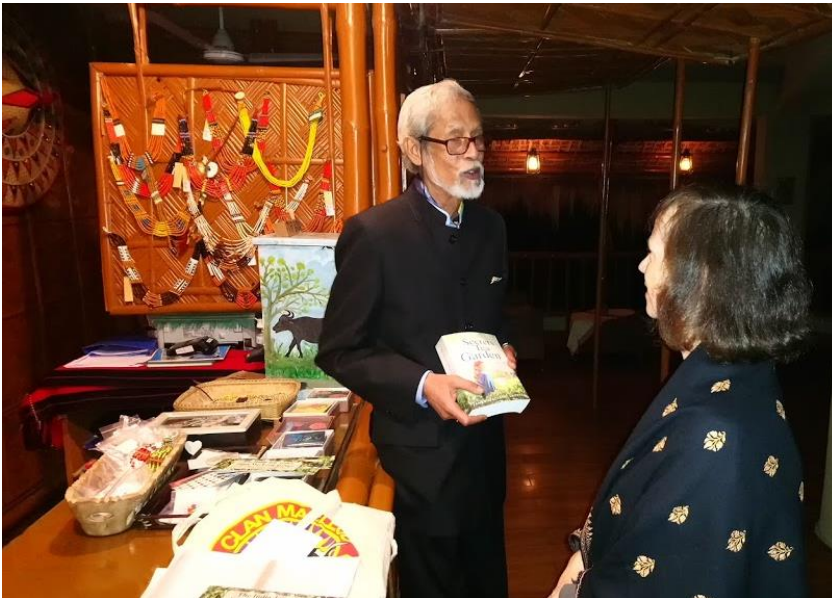
A highlight was going on safari in the Kazaringa National Park and seeing the endangered one-horned rhino – not something you do every day.

We stayed at the wonderful Diphlu River Lodge (where Wills and Kate had stayed five years ago!) which is run by Ranesh Roy (a former Tea planter) with whom I swapped books! (See next page.)





[Above left - One-horned rhinos. Right – Launch of *the Secrets of the Tea Garden* in Kolkata]



Our final day in Kolkata, coincided with the publication date of *the Secrets of the Tea Garden* so we had a book launch in the hotel which was great fun. This is the fourth and final novel in *the India Tea Series* and takes the characters through to 1947 and the partition of India. By way of reminder my novel *In the Far Pashmina Mountains* was published on 1st October and both are available in paperback, audio or as eBooks.

Best wishes,

Janet MacLeod Trotter.

[Below – The Tea Planter's Tour Group in an Assam tea garden.]





Some items from Synod's **Footsteps** for which there was no room in the last Review. Please ignore page number at foot of pages 12 and 13.

## Looking Green

*By Revd Trevor Jamison*

*Trevor Jamison, who previously worked as Northern Synod's Adult Education Officer between 2001 and 2006, returned to the Synod in June this year, when he was inducted as the Minister at St Columba's URC, North Shields (75%) and to work with the Synod (25%). Over the next three years his Synod time will be devoted to work as a 'Green Apostle'. Here, Trevor writes about what will be involved in this Synod role.*

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth' break forth into joyous song and sing praises" Psalm 98:4 (NRSV)

Most people, I imagine, will want to ask, "What's a Green apostle?" Well, it wasn't my idea for a job title! The United Reformed Church has an established network of Synod "Green Apostles", and I will be representing Northern Synod. In biblical times an "apostle" was a messenger. A Green Apostle's job is to share the message about the call for Christians to care for the world we live in, not just as a matter of good citizenship (which it is), but as a significant, integral part of Christian faith.

We are all aware that the planet we live on faces some huge challenges concerning climate change. The climate is changing at an unprecedented pace, leading to increased frequency of extreme weather events, such as storms, droughts and floods. The solid scientific consensus is that human activity is the main cause of these changes, particularly

through our burning of fossil fuels – coal, oil and gas.

We have benefitted greatly from our access to these resources, using them to heat and light our homes and workplaces, to manufacture the goods we enjoy, and to travel near and far, by road, rail, sea, and air. This makes the challenge all the greater because the very resources which underpin how our economy and society are organised are the ones which threaten its existence.

Nor is climate change the only problem facing our environment. Another issue, which has been highlighted lately is pollution by plastics. Many of us will have seen and been appalled by the images of sea creatures caught up in plastic pollution. Not only are we awash in discarded containers but it seems that microplastics are finding their way into our seas, rivers, lakes and drinking water.

Issues such as climate change and pollution add urgency to the call to Christians to care for God's creation, but that call has always been with us. After all, as Christians, our understanding is that this planet is a tiny but much-loved part of God's creation. We stand in awe of the countless millions of stars, planets and galaxies that compose the universe, we have responsibility only for this one planet.

So, we want to care for our environment because God loves God's creation. Since we are called to love God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, it follows that we want to love

the things that God loves. Love, for us, is not just a matter of feelings but actions, so loving the planet involves taking actions that enable it to flourish, not ones that damage it.

Secondly, Jesus, said we are not only to love God but to love our neighbours as we would love ourselves. It is hard to argue that we love our neighbours if we damage the planet in ways that make it difficult for them to live on it. It is not possible to predict in detail every way in which climate change will impact the planet. What we can predict is that those who have the least are the ones who will be impacted the most. That, sadly, is the way things work in this world at this time. Looking after the planet is a question about justice for people (to say nothing of the plight of other God-created creatures).

So, my role over the next three years, is to encourage us, as Synod and as congregations, to deepen our commitment to caring for God's creation. I'll be seeking to do so in ways that fit in with things we are already doing (we are all busy people). Also, I'm looking for ways to do this that are enjoyable as well as challenging.

I will be

- Working to increase awareness across the Synod of creation care issues.
- Encouraging congregations to register with the Eco-Church movement, as a useful tool to help us with this work
- Encouraging Northern Synod to register as an Eco-Synod and develop work in this area.
- Setting up a network of interested people within the Synod as a means of information sharing and support in taking this work forward.



If your congregation is already involved in creation care activities I would love to hear from you.

If your congregation might be interested in starting or developing this work I would be delighted to come to meet with you and try to help you.

If you, individually, would be interested in being part of a Synod Green Network please get in touch with me.

Trevor Jamison

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## Open Church – Horsley

*By Roberta Ritson*

Horsley Church is unique in that it leases the former manse and Sunday school rooms to the Hearth charity which rents them out to artists. Included is also The Hearth Café which is run on a commercial basis and has achieved wide recognition for excellence.

Two to three times a year Open Studios attract hundreds of visitors who come to buy artisan gifts and beautiful pictures. Opening the church for the entire weekend, and keeping an 'open door' policy during 11 am service time is quite a challenge, yet worth the effort.

We are a small congregation. In 2017 the minister John Paul retired. This brought some apprehension but we also knew that John had prepared us to stand on our own feet with confidence and we are assured of his continued prayers.

So last weekend (as I write) the accessible, congregation led service could be heard throughout the adjacent hall of stall holders and shoppers. Some looked in for a while, perhaps to buy from the Fair Trade stall just before the start and they saw we were friendly. Some commented that they had assumed our singing was a choir!

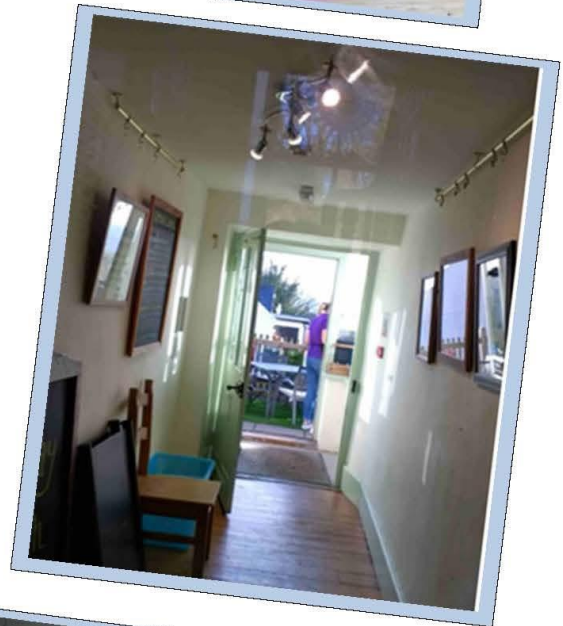
On Sunday afternoon we made a community Christmas cake to share on Christmas Eve (and to cut and box up for our artists and Hearth Trustees). Details of December services and the news sheet 'Glad Tidings' were ready for those dropping in to stir and to chat. Other folks liked looking at our

illustrated history folder or just listening to live music'. During the weekend Robson's Choice performed (a group mainly of pipers who collect for St Oswald's Hospice) and at other times invited local musicians played the piano or sang.

A slide show 'Contemplative Landscapes' was displayed, many of the northern scenes accompanied by simple home produced prayers of few words.

It is a privilege to connect with random visitors from all walks of life. A few people wanted to talk about faith. Showing warmth, hospitality and love are always the most important things and we are delighted when people come in without fuss and feel free to be themselves. This could just mean sitting quietly with a takeaway coffee.

The Hearth Café and the various Hearth events and workshops may be labelled 'secular' but I am aware that prayer has been offered in those rooms for centuries. In the early days of the Hearth folks also prayed for the success of the project, possibly expecting it to be more explicitly Christian. They could not have envisaged such a huge number of visitors, every one of whom are to be welcomed, cared for and blessed in this partnership of church and Hearth which – rightly, I think – blurs the edges between spirituality and the 'everyday'. As church members it is vital to respond imaginatively and to remain supportive of our tenants. 'Us' and 'them' are learning how to become 'ONE'.



*Past weekends have featured the Lindisfarne gospels facsimile with a visit from a local choir; Christian textiles; Telemann and Bach performed live with the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer presented around the music, prayer*

*stations about giving; prayer stations about gardens; making a proggy mat showing St Cuthbert's Way; a celebration of inclusion and diversity introducing church members and their favourite inspirational reading .....*

**ROTAS - SUNDAYS - PREACHERS - FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019**

|                      |                      |                                              |                             |                          |                       |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>February 2019</b> | 3rd<br>Bernard Lee   | 10th<br>Rev. Chris Beales                    | 17th<br>Mrs. Maranny Jones  | 24th<br>Mrs. Jackie Haws |                       |
| <b>March 2019</b>    | 3rd<br>Pauline James | 10th<br>Rev. John Durell<br><b>Communion</b> | 17th<br>Rev. Alan Middleton | 24th<br>Cathy Leggett    | 31st<br>Mrs. Jill Lee |

**ELDERS AND DOOR DUTIES – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019****ELDERS****DOOR DUTIES**

|                      |      |                     |                       |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>February 2019</b> | 3rd  | Mrs. J. Thornborrow | Mr. S. Ogilvie        |
|                      | 10th | Mrs. K. Clasper     | Mr. M. Reay           |
|                      | 17th | Mrs. H. Cockburn    | Mrs. W. Surtees       |
|                      | 24th | Mrs. D. Jackson     | Miss B. Tinsley       |
| <b>March 2019</b>    | 3rd  | Mrs. J. Sarsfield   | Mrs. K. Clasper       |
|                      | 10th | Mr. S. Ogilvie      | Mr. & Mrs. L. Thomson |
|                      | 17th | Mr. R. Todd         | Mrs. H. Todd          |
|                      | 24th | Mrs. K. Ogilvie     | Mrs. H. Cockburn      |
|                      | 31st | Mrs. Y. Melville    | Mr. S. Ogilvie        |

If in doubt about your duties any Sunday, please check the list on the Vestibule notice board.  
**Please remember** – You are responsible for arranging your own replacement.

ELDERS' MEETINGS (1st Wednesday of month) at 7 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2019  
 WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2019

PROPERTY COMMITTEE (usually 3rd MONDAY of month) at 2 p.m.  
 But meet as arranged between the Committee Members

**ALPHA course Thursdays at 7 p.m. – 7 February to 4 April 2019 -**

in Waddington Street URC Church Hall – Mowbray Street entrance – Durham DH1 4BG.

You are invited to ALPHA for some good food, interesting conversation and talks that will make you think. If you come along, there's no commitment. We won't keep texting, phoning or emailing you. So what have you got to lose?

**Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal way.**

[www.durhamvineyard.org.uk](http://www.durhamvineyard.org.uk) 07938 336261





**FLOWER ROTA – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019**  
**SUPERVISOR each month is Mrs. J. Graham**

**February 2019**

3rd Mrs. F. Waller  
 10th Mrs. K. Clasper  
 17th Mrs. D. Bramwell  
 24th Mrs. D. Jackson

**March 2019**

3rd Mrs. H. Cockburn  
 10th **VACANCY**  
 17th Mrs. L. Thomson  
 24th **VACANCY**  
 31st **VACANCY**

To provide flowers where there is a Vacancy, or join the Flower Rota,  
 or donate to the Flower Fund, please contact Mrs. Jean Graham.



**COFFEE ROTA – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019**

**February 2019**

3rd Fiona Bowater, Malcolm Reay  
 10th Janet Thornborrow, Judy Banister  
 17th Heather Todd, Margaret Munro  
 24th Yvonne Melville, Jean Graham

**March 2019**

3rd Kathleen Clasper, Barbara Tinsley  
 10th Win Surtees, Kath Ogilvie  
 17th Helen Cockburn, Lucille Thomson  
 24th Fred Robinson  
 31st Fiona Bowater, Malcolm Reay

Please decide and agree on who is responsible for bringing the milk.  
 You are responsible for arranging your own replacement.

**Retire to the South – Mississippi -**

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy,  
 "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"  
 Bubba replied, "Did y'all see who it was?"  
 The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."



## Spring

Another winter finished;  
our hearts are full of joy!  
The icy frosts diminish;  
and summer sun's ahoy!  
Last summer seems so distant,  
the autumn leaves long gone;  
But now, each passing instant  
is full of sunny song.  
The seasons' flow reminds us –  
the climbing, sinking sun;  
That death's dread cords won't bind us,  
our time with Christ will come!

(By Nigel Beeton)

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