

# THE REVIEW

## JULY AND AUGUST 2019



*Shanklin Old Village, Isle of Wight*

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

**Church Website: [www.durhamurc.org.uk](http://www.durhamurc.org.uk)**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND CHURCH NEWS

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**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.**

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### WEEKLY NOTICE SHEETS –

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

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**COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER REVIEW IS – SUNDAY 18th AUGUST 2019.**

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**Afternoon Tea** at the home of Hillian and John Durell, on 19th May, in aid of Great North Air Ambulance, raised the excellent sum of **£575.75p**. Thank you to all who supported this event and enjoyed not only a delicious spread but excellent fellowship. Thanks also to John and Hillian for all their hard work and the warmth of their welcome.

The Count your Blessings sheets for Lent raised a total of **£531.35p**.

The Sunday Lunch at Church on 9th June raised the sum of **£348.50p**.

Thanks to everyone who shared in this or helped in any way.

A huge thank you to Judy and her band of helpers for their efforts.



I'm pleased to report that, once again, Christian Aid Week went very well this year. Altogether we raised **£1231**, made up of **£615** from the Church lunch and related donations and **£616** from door-to-door collections in our area. The lunch was very enjoyable - many thanks to all who prepared the food and all who contributed. The door-to-door collection worked out well too - thanks to those who collected and those who gave.

Since 1945 Christian Aid has supported people in need across the world. By giving to Christian Aid we can all help to save lives and support communities, recognising our common humanity.

**Fred Robinson**

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### CHANGES OF ADDRESS ...

[Please amend your Church Directory accordingly.]



Michèle Woods has moved to 4 Hastings Avenue, Durham DH1 3QQ.

Phone numbers remain the same, 0191 3861420 and 07790074487.

Her email address has also changed, it is now [michele.woods.007@gmail.com](mailto:michele.woods.007@gmail.com)

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Stuart Woods has moved to 40 Hutton Way, Framwellgate Moor, Durham DH1 5BW.

His telephone number is 07980391774.

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Donald Mackay has moved from Hallgarth Street and is now settling into St. Margaret's Care Home, St. Margaret's Garth, Durham DH1 4DS. We wish him well in his new home.



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Rosemary and David Woods attended the wedding of their son Andrew to Rachel Cubitt on 1st June 2019 at St. John the Baptist Church, East Ayton.

It was a fantastic occasion with very little rain and the reception was held nearby at Hackness Grange Hotel. Friends and family travelled from afar to support the couple and celebrate their marriage.

The following day we met on the North beach to play cricket before their departure. The extended family spent the following week in Scarborough enjoying the sights and lovely weather while the couple honeymooned in Thailand!

***Rosemary Woods***



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*Thank You*

**Sincere thanks** to all Church Family and Friends for all your prayers, cards, good wishes and visits – even if I was rather like the Scarlet Pimpernel – hard to track down!

I am now able to use my hand again – but with care – after having had it fastened up for about 6 weeks. Hopefully I'll be back regularly in "my seat" as Sandy said when he welcomed me on 16th June!

It is surprising how useless one can feel – trying to use the left hand only, especially trying to keep balanced and using a stick! Being back home, and managing church will, I hope, soon speed my improvement.

Best wishes and God's Blessing to you.

**Freda**

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### ***A bit of Church history ... Reverend John Edwards***

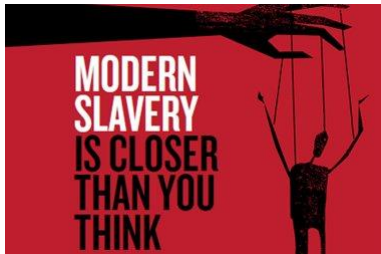
On 10th July 1969, John Edwards was Ordained in this Church (Durham Waddington Street Presbyterian Church – then). Now retired – he can look back on service in various Churches and also the Mission Field in Zambia.

So, as he celebrates this special day, can we also give thanks for his Service? If anyone would like to send him a message, his details are:

Mr. John Edwards, Flat 90, Malford Court, The Drive, London E18 2HT

**Freda Waller**

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On Sunday 23rd June, in preparation for our fundraising for this charity for the next sixth months, we had a presentation – oral and audio visual. We learned of how people can be trapped in a slavery situation and how to look out for signs of this having taken place. We were told of Hope for Justice's aim to end slavery by:

PREVENTING exploitation, RESCUING victims, RESTORING lives and REFORMING society.

We heard about some individual cases and what was done to help the victims and, sometimes, to return them to their families if appropriate. What was particularly shocking was learning that such exploitation and slavery was happening on our own doorstep. We felt ashamed that slavery could happen anywhere in this day and age but especially as regards this country and this area. We also felt angry and were glad the Church has chosen to support this so worthwhile charity. [Editor]

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### ***Belated Happy 90th Birthday wishes to IAN GRAHAM***

Ian celebrated his birthday in style with his family members at his favourite Italian restaurant – La Spada. The family have also planned other events including a visit to Castle Howard in Yorkshire and to Kynren – extended birthday celebrations indeed!

Ian kindly shared some of his birthday cake with his Church family and friends at coffee in the hall on 23rd June.

***Love and Congratulations to you Ian on this special Birthday.***



# Congratulations

On Monday 17th June David Thornborrow and Yvonne Melville attended the annual Durham University Volunteer Awards ceremony in Durham Town Hall. This black tie event was held to honour University Volunteers and there were many good projects represented. We were there to help support our friends at Josephine Butler College who we have linked with, hosting student evenings in our church and their college.

We have built up a strong relationship with the college and students and this year **we were nominated for an award!** Dressed in our best bib and tucker, we enjoyed a Mexican buffet and puddings before the speeches and awards were presented. Many young people and groups were awarded certificates for their hard work in 2018/19 and, as the evening drew to a close, Josephine Butler College and Waddington Street URC received an award for the **'Most Improved Project'** for their intergenerational project. Hollie went up to receive the award.

Although it is great to receive an award it is better being involved, so when we advertise future student evenings please come along and meet some lovely young people. These evenings are going from strength to strength and many thanks to everyone who has supported these events and helped make them a success. Our next event is on **Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the hall.**

**Yvonne Melville**



## Notes from the Elders' Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2019



1. Sandy gave a summary of Kath's and his time in the USA with members of the UCC (United Churches of Christ).
  - The mantra of the UCC is:
    - 'Whoever you are, wherever you are, you are welcome here'.
- The UCC have addressed gender issues, but there are divisions in the UCC over race issues. They are keen to promote diversity inclusion, but some congregations still have an issue with black ministers not being acceptable to white congregations and in such instances these congregations will not be forced to change their views.
- Immigration is a hot topic due to the current situation with the Mexican border.
- Many members were fascinated by Megan's royal baby and this prompted discussion on people of mixed race.
- A few members were Trump supporters.
- There is an interest in 'Celtic Links' and there was a discussion on the possibility of a pilgrimage to Iona, Holy Isle etc. with the hope that local churches could facilitate. The elders noted that Durham Cathedral's Summer School runs a Celtic Links programme.
- A debate on the climate showed that everybody agrees with the evidence on climate change. Elders noted that our synod has appointed a part time Green Apostle.
- The UCC has links with protestants in Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and also Waldensian congregations in Italy and elsewhere. Elders noted that in the past our church has also had links with the Waldensians.
- There were 'Speak Outs' which allow 10 people the chance to talk about anything (including just getting something 'off your chest') for 1 minute.
- There was Communion during and after meals and the worship was 4 hymns one after the other, then prayers.
2. Sandy Ogilvie and the Revd John Durell have organised the format for the service on Sunday 23rd June which will launch our fundraising for the Hope for Justice charity.
3. Our church members have been invited to Butler Day (a celebration for the end of the academic year) at Josephine Butler College. There are plans for continued links with the college and some joint day trips. Yvonne Melville and David Thornborrow have been invited to the Durham University Volunteer Awards 2019 on 17th June. It is hoped that there will be photographs of this event to put in 'The Review'.
4. The amended Elders' Districts List was discussed, finalised and agreed.
5. Sandy Ogilvie continues to investigate the possible shared ownership of a defibrillator with the Waddington Street Centre and our Church.
6. The elders discussed the possibility of members of the Foundation Charity doing some tidying around the outside of the church in response to their kind offer to help.
7. The elders were delighted to hear that Revd Ruth Crofton will welcome and admit Val Hodgson to membership of our church on Sunday 9th June 2019
8. The elders agreed rates for funeral fees.
9. Sandy Ogilvie has been invited to a launch to be held in Durham Town Hall on 11th June because he provided information to 'Visit County Durham' on our church which will be included on a map of Durham City Churches, Chapels and Cafés. Refreshments are being served at the event. Unfortunately, Sandy is unable to attend and he hoped that somebody would be able to go as a representative of our Church.  
(Janet Thornborrow)



## EDITOR'S LETTER

### DEAR READERS,



Les and I recently enjoyed a short holiday on the Isle of Wight. Although the weather was not wonderful, it was certainly much better than most of the mainland were experiencing. From Monday to Saturday we seemed to fit a lot in. We had a nostalgic ride on a steam train in a carriage without a corridor and you had to pull down a heavy leather strap to open the window! A visit to a small winery proved educational – they also make different types of Gin – and samples were on offer! Osborne House was magnificent with a statue of Prince Albert in the likeness of a Greek warrior.



Of course, we were taken to visit Godshill and loved the quaint thatched cottages and the church. The garden (above) of one of the shops was beautifully done and included Rupert Bear and Winnie the Pooh as well as miniature houses and a church.

I should be grateful if any contributions to The Review for September could be sent to me by the date given below which is 18th August. **Lucille Thomson**

The next issue of The Review will be published on **Sunday 1st September 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 18th August 2019**.

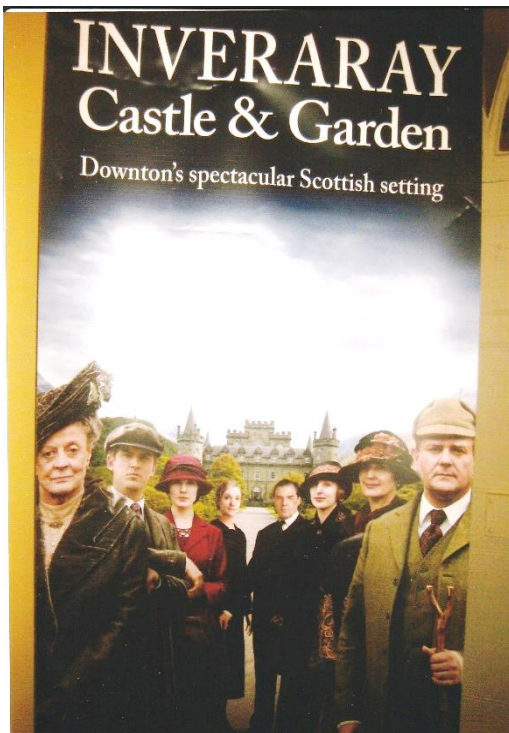


## Inverary Castle



When Ron and I were in Scotland we visited Inverary Castle in Argyllshire. Having been born into the Campbell Clan, I could not miss this opportunity to visit the ancestral home of the Dukes of Argyll – Chieftains of the Campbell Clan. Sadly, I could not find any direct line to any of the Dukes, but we found the Castle to be a most impressive and interesting place just the same.

In one of the State rooms, called the Saloon, a general function room, there is a grand piano which has a remarkable history of its own. Lerner and Loewe who composed the music for “My Fair Lady”, composed several of the songs when staying in the Castle.



We discovered also that one of the Christmas Specials for “Downton Abbey” was filmed at the Castle and there were some photos of the cast on display.

As we have been watching the recent TV drama series about Queen Victoria, we discovered another interesting fact.

Queen Victoria’s fourth daughter, Princess Louise, married into the Campbell family. She married the Marquis of Lorne who later became the Ninth Duke of Argyll. They were married on 21st March 1871 in St. George’s Chapel, Windsor which is also where Prince Harry and Meghan Markle were married.





After visiting the Castle and enjoying Afternoon Tea and cake in the café, we then explored the gardens. The landscaped gardens were really beautiful with acres of rhododendrons and azaleas which were just at their best.



Red squirrels are reportedly much in evidence at Inverary, although, to our disappointment, we did not see any. We were fortunate the weather was dry and bright which made our visit even more enjoyable.

***Heather Todd***





### Across the pond!

Earlier this year we were asked by our Synod to attend the Annual meeting of the United Church of Christ in New York State. Given the distance involved, we decided to make the trip a holiday and drop in on the meeting. We landed in New York City in the middle of May in torrential rain which thankfully cleared up overnight and let us enjoy a day walking along the “High Line”. This is an elevated walkway stretching around two miles each way on a disused railroad in the centre of Manhattan near to the Hudson river. It features wildflowers, greenery and outdoor art installations in addition to some stunning views of New York’s skyline. On the streets below is Chelsea market, a place to meander through and view a great mix of craft, art and street food.

From New York we travelled for about one and a half hours by train along the Hudson river to Poughkeepsie, to be given a great welcome by the delegates of the UCC Annual meeting. One of the reasons we visited the conference was to promote ties with them and offer them the chance to walk the Celtic Pilgrimage from Melrose to Lindisfarne in July led by our moderator Dave Herbert. We have reported the highlights of this conference to both the Elders and the recent Church meeting.

On leaving Poughkeepsie we stayed with the Lawrence family back in New York. We visited their



Church of the Living Hope and saw some of the work they are doing with the East Harlem community. This is a relatively poor area, with people, young and old, pushed to the edge and the Lawrences are working to give these people purpose and hope through projects to combat loneliness and isolation; by promoting the local culture; through community art and with street parties.

From there we went to Boston by train and stayed in an Airbnb overlooking Boston Common. Boston is a fine city with much to see and do. Highlights were visiting the Museum of Fine Arts, which included a major exhibition of the works of Toulouse-Lautrec and then the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Isabella Gardner was left US\$1.6m by her father in the 1860s and was then able to travel and collect some fabulous artefacts, tapestries and furniture from all around the world. These are displayed in a wonderful building which has a very tranquil and beautiful garden at its centre.





We were in Boston on Memorial Day where we saw a display of over 65,000 Stars and Stripes flags on the Common - one flag for every person from Boston who has died in conflict. As the weather was being kind, we took to the sea for two trips - one to St. George's Island within the confines of the Outer Boston Harbour on which there is a fort. Fort Warren was built from 1833-61 around the time of the American Civil war. It had over 30 gun emplacements but only one cannon! and the song "John Brown's body" was written at the camp and uses the tune from an old Methodist camp song.



The other longer boat trip took us to Provincetown and Cape Cod. Provincetown is an attractive small town full of artists, potters and folk musicians. We enjoyed another day of relaxation and sunshine by the sea and added another few miles to the many we walked on this interesting holiday.

All good things come to an end hence you now see us back in Durham.

*Kath and Sandy Ogilvie.*

Minutes of the Church Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Present – 22 Apologies – 9

1. Sandy Ogilvie welcomed everyone to the Meeting which opened with prayer.

2. The Minutes of the March Meeting were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising -

- \* Kath Ogilvie gave various property updates.
- \* The refurbishment of the manse kitchen is now almost completed.
- \* The church gutters have been cleaned and the tree has been removed from the church spire.
- \* The damaged window-light in the kitchen will be replaced soon at a cost of £300 to £400.
- \* The Property Group will tomorrow discuss the central heating in the manse.
- \* There are continued problems with the church hall toilets which are being fixed.
- \* On behalf of the Meeting, Sandy Ogilvie welcomed our new church member, Mrs. Val Hodgson, to the Church Meeting.

4. Church Projects -

Sandy Ogilvie informed the Meeting that our project for the first part of this year concludes this month. The church has raised over £2,500 for the Great North Air Ambulance Service. We will begin collecting for the next church project from 1<sup>st</sup> July. This is “Hope For Justice”, an organisation which exists to bring to an end modern slavery. At our service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, our guest speaker will be Nicola Lloyd, who will give us information on this organisation and answer any questions which arise, after we move into the hall.

5. The Vacancy Update -

We now have two members of our church on the new Group Council, Ian Graham and Les Thomson. A report from the Group was given by Les Thomson.

- \* Posts on the new council have been allocated and Les Thomson has been appointed to the Chair. Sandy Ogilvie congratulated and thanked Les on behalf of the Meeting
- \* For the moment, churches will be asked to continue looking after their own manses.
- \* Each church will give the Group an annual financial statement and membership numbers.
- \* Observers will be welcome at Group Council Meetings.
- \* A Group Bank Account has been set up.
- \* Each church will continue with its own website and eventually a Group Website will be set up.
- \* There will be no further meetings of the Group until the autumn, unless developments occur. At the moment we have no applicants for the group ministry.

6. The Defibrillator -

Many vulnerable people use our premises and the Resource Centre, but at the moment the nearest defibrillator is at the University Hospital. Fred Robinson and Sandy Ogilvie are looking at the possibility of the Resource Centre and our church making a joint effort to acquire one. The cost would be about £750 each. Dr. Rosemary Woods would be willing to help with the training. The Meeting gave this suggestion unanimous support.

7. The United Church of Christ, New York State -

- \* During their recent trip to U.S.A., Kath and Sandy Ogilvie attended the Annual General Meeting of this church, which has contact with the Northern Synod of our church.
- \* It is a church which is very liberal on gender issues, with the mantra “Who ever you are and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here”.
- \* It is a church which gives a great deal of attention to the issues of race, immigration and climate change.
- \* It has links with the Waldensian Church.
- \* Sandy and Kath were made very welcome at this extremely welcoming church and were clearly impressed with its openness, its enthusiasm and the energy of its members.



8. A.O.B. -

\* Lucille Thomson wondered whether something could be done about the lights in the sanctuary. They are very high and changing bulbs is very difficult and costly. She wondered whether it would be possible to lower them. Kathleen Clasper explained that the real obstacle to lowering them was the false ceiling, which would make any work there extremely hazardous. If we did decide to change the lighting, one possibility would be to install wall lights.

\* Janet Sarsfield explained that she and our treasurer, Michèle Woods had discussed possible changes to the costs of hiring out our premises. Suggestions would be discussed by the Property Group and the Elders.

9. The Meeting ended with the Grace.

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***THEN AND NOW ... CAMPING OUT ... HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!***



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***CHOCOLATE & SWEETS QUIZ - (work out the answers from the clues below.)***

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Gentle wave action.               | 2. Fallen Fruit.                    | 3. Sporting break.                                  |
| 4. Up for discussion/Subject matter. | 5. Dairy Carrier.                   | 6. Angler's Mate.                                   |
| 7. Have a break.                     | 8. Medieval Entertainers.           | 9. Big cats drink here.                             |
| 10. A sweet you give your loved one. | 11. Nutty Punishment.               | 12. 100% AU.  |
| 13. Teddy bears like them.           | 14. UFO.                            | 15. If you like a lot of chocolate on your biscuit. |
| 16. Will we live there some day?     | 17. What its famous castle sits on. |   |
| 18. Our soldiers?                    | 19. Sly giggles.                    | 20. High class area.                                |

Answers to Chocolate & Sweets Quiz  
 1. Ripple. 2. Pear Drop. 3. Time Out. 4. Topic. 5. Milk Tray. 6. Fisherman's Friend.  
 7. Kit Kat. 8. Minstrels. 9. Lion Bar. 10. Love Hearts. 11. Walnut Whip.  
 12. All Gold or Gold Bar. 13. Picnic. 14. Flying Saucers. 15. Jacob's Club.  
 16. Mars. 17. Edinburgh Rock. 18. Heroes. 19. Snickers. 20. Quality Street.

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Dear Lord, we pray that, with Your help, encouragement and guidance, we will be tireless and selfless in supporting the work of "Hope for Justice" and that slavery will be eradicated in our lifetime. **Amen**

**ROTAS - SUNDAYS - PREACHERS – JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019**

<b>JULY 2019</b>	7th Bill Offler	14th Mrs. Maranny Jones	21st Revd Ray Anglesea	28th Revd Harold Stuteley	
<b>AUGUST 2019</b>	4th Revd John Durell	11th At North Road Methodist	18th Revd Peter Welby	25th At North Road Methodist	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2019</b>	1st Frances Proud	8th Revd. John Durell <b>Communion</b>	15th Revd. Ken Yorke	22nd Professor John Barclay	29th Revd. Canon Peter Dodd

**ELDERS AND DOOR DUTIES – JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019****July 2019**

7th Mrs. H. Cockburn  
14th Mrs. D. Jackson  
21st Mrs. J. Sarsfield  
28th Mr. S. Ogilvie

Mr. S Ogilvie  
Mr. M. Reay  
Mrs. W. Surtees  
Miss B. Tinsley

**August 2019**

4th Mr. R. Todd  
11th AT NORTH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH  
18th Mrs. K. Ogilvie  
25th AT NORTH ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. H. Todd  
Mrs. K. Clasper

**September 2019**

1st Mrs. Y. Melville  
8th Mr. D. Shirer  
15th Mrs. J. Thornborrow  
22nd Mrs. K. Clasper  
29th Mrs. H. Cockburn

Mr. & Mrs. L. Thomson  
Mrs. H. Cockburn  
Mr. S. Ogilvie  
Mr. M. Reay  
Mrs. W. Surtees

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 3rd JULY 2019

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

**Words of wisdom from Phyllis Diller:** Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: Eat out.

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'





**FLOWER ROTA – JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**SUPERVISOR each month is Mrs. J. Graham**

**July**

7th **VACANCY**  
 14th Mrs. Joyce Harling  
 21st Mrs. W. Surtees  
 28th **VACANCY**

**August**

4th Mrs. Y. Melville  
 11th Mr. Ian Graham  
 18th **VACANCY**  
 25th Mrs. K. Clasper

**September** 1st Revd. & Mrs. J. Durell

8th **VACANCY** 15th Mrs. D. Bramwell  
 22nd Dr. M. Munro 29th Mrs. H. Cockburn

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 – JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019**

**July**

7th Helen Cockburn, Lucille Thomson  
 14th Fred Robinson  
 21st Fiona Bowater, Malcolm Reay  
 28th Janet Thornborrow, Judy Banister

**August**

4th Heather Todd, Margaret Munro  
 11th Yvonne Melville, Jean Graham  
 18th Kathleen Clasper, Barbara Tinsley  
 25th Win Surtees, Kath Ogilvie

**September**

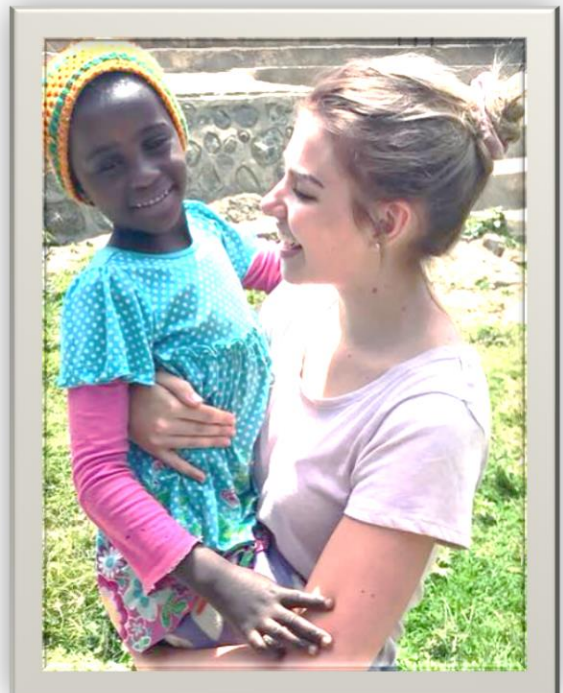
1st Helen Cockburn, Lucille Thomson  
 8th Fred Robinson  
 15th Fiona Bowater, Malcolm Reay  
 22nd Janet Thornborrow, Judy Banister  
 29th Heather Todd, Margaret Munro.

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

***YOU MATTER ...***

You might think that you don't matter in this world,  
**but because of you ...**  
 Someone has a favourite mug to drink their tea out of,  
 that **you** bought them.  
 Someone hears a song on the radio,  
 and it reminds them of **you**.  
 Someone has read a book **you** recommended to them  
 and got lost in its pages.  
 Someone's remembered a joke **you** told them  
 and smiled to themselves on the bus.  
***Never think you don't have an impact.***  
**Your** fingerprints can't be wiped away from the  
 little marks of kindness that **you've** left behind.

***YOU MATTER ...***





### **Our loving Father, our dearest Friend**

Our loving Father, our dearest Friend,  
Our gracious Saviour, on Whom we depend,  
Great Holy Spirit, so powerful and true,  
All of life's blessings proceedeth from You.

You made our lovely world, each mountain and tree,  
Each tiny river, and each mighty sea,  
Each swirling planet is Yours in the sky,  
For all who trust Jesus, there's Heaven bye and bye.

Each day You give us, things which are good,  
Lovely warm comfy beds and lots of good food,  
Suitable clothing, and money to spend,  
Goodness and mercy which never shall end.

You came Lord Jesus, in love and in grace,  
God took on human flesh, and died in our place,  
Now You have risen, our conquering King,  
You have provided for us everything.

[From "Rainbows Through the Rain" by Dorothy Anderson.]

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