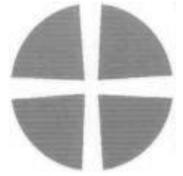


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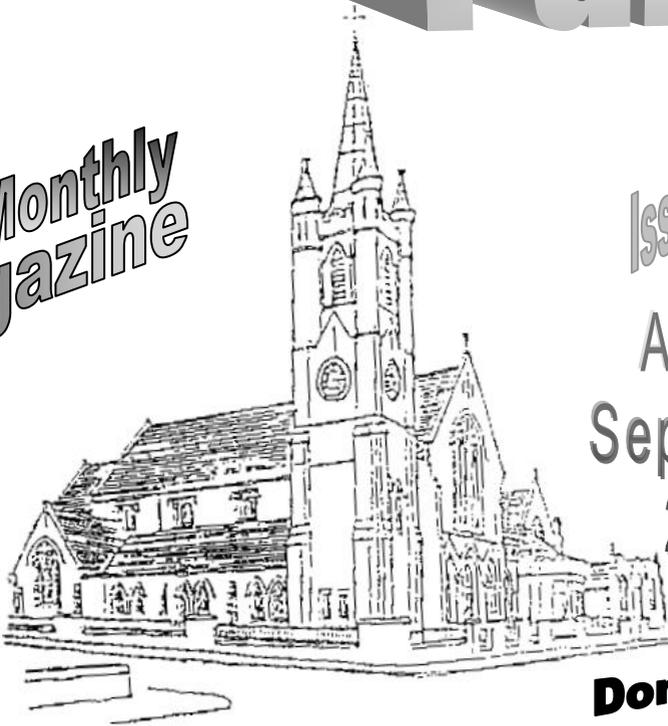


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Dear Friends,

*They say that time flies, when you are having fun. Well this year has certainly flown by! And whilst there have been one or two more challenging moments, on the whole my first year with you have been a real blessing – so thank you for making me feel so at home. It has been a real joy getting to know you, even though I am **STILL** struggling to remember everyone's names and for that I apologise. My little grey cells are not as sharp as they used to be.*

Looking back, I think that it's fair to say that It's been quite a year...here are just a few of my own highlights:

- *The welcome service – wow! What a way to start.*
- *Christmas services – somewhat smaller, but very moving as we gathered to celebrate the birth of our Lord.*
- *Homeless Sunday – When people from all walks of life and from various churches gathered to remember the struggles facing many people today. A time to give thanks for all the organisations and individuals who seek to offer friendship and practical support. “The Drop In” which opens our doors in unconditional welcome.*
- *Holy Week and Easter – the congregations may have been small but the singing was wonderful.*

In the New Year we bravely considered the future of our church and gave ourselves a year to really try and plant some seeds of new growth and energy. A development group was established and has set about the task of moving the church forward. More of their work is spoken of in the report further in the magazine.

We have welcomed two new worshipping congregations into our building, and they have settled in with us very well. On Sunday the 22nd July we joined the Mustard Seed Church in worship and experienced their hospitality and welcome. Our hope is that in the Autumn we can get together with both the Mustard Seed and Deeper Life Church for an evening of food, fellowship and worship.

And who could forget the Pantomime – well I am trying to!

We have studied God's word together in Lent, and we look forward to a

bible study beginning in the Autumn.

We have shared worship with Ewesley Road and with Humbledon and look forward to continuing to build friendships across the 3 churches.

New groups and old continue to find in our church a place of welcome and all speak so warmly of the help and support they receive. All of this alongside the regular and familiar work which takes place in our church. From the Lunch club to the Stroke Club, from Toddlers to the Holiday Club and so on.

We have gathered to remember our dear friends, especially Sarah, for whom this earthly life is complete and they are now enjoying the fulfilment of their faith. We miss them and love them and thank God for them.

*Of course, none of the above can happen without **YOU and the generosity of those who help** to make these things happen. As much as I want to, I had better not name anyone, because I am sure to forget someone! In the same way I am sure to have forgotten a group, so please forgive me if I have left someone out.*

That was my first year with you – WOW!

What does God have in store of us this year? Well we will just have to keep putting one faithful step in front of the other and see where the Almighty leads us. In the meantime, may I wish you a very happy and restful summer. Enjoy some rest and relaxation, re-charge your batteries ready to gather again in September raring to go and ready to embrace all that God has in store for us.

With many thanks for your friendship.

With thanks to God for his Church at Burn Park,

With every blessing to you all,

*In **HIS** name,*

Rosemary X



10 SECOND SERMONS:

You are never a loser until you quit trying.

August September



**This world
Your creation
Rolled into a sphere
Packaged in sunshine
Gift-wrapped in love
Given to us
Thank you**

Pause for Thought ..

Is winning all that counts?

Some in the sports world would say “Yes”, but are you absolutely sure about that? Sometimes, it is not.

On December 2 2012, Basque athlete Iván Fernández Anaya was competing in a cross-country race in Burlada, Navarre. He was running second, some distance behind race leader Abel Mutai - bronze medalist in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the London Olympics. As they entered the finishing straight, he saw the Kenyan runner - the certain winner of the race - mistakenly pull up about 10 meters before the finish, thinking he had already crossed the line.



Fernández Anaya quickly caught up with him, but instead of exploiting Mutai’s mistake to speed past and claim an unlikely victory, he stayed behind and, using gestures, guided the Kenyan to the line and let him cross first.

Ivan Fernandez Anaya, a Basque runner of 24 years who is considered an athlete with a big future (champion of Spain of 5,000 meters in promise category two years ago) said after the test:

“But even if they had told me that winning would have earned me a place in the Spanish team for the European championships, I wouldn’t have done it either. I also think that I have earned more of a name having done what I did than if I had won. And that is very important, because today, with the way things are in all circles, in soccer, in society, in politics, where it seems anything goes, a gesture of honesty goes down well.”

He said at the beginning: “Unfortunately, very little has been said of the gesture. And it’s a shame. In my opinion, it would be nice to explain to children, so they do not think that sport is only what they see on TV: violent kicks in abundance, posh statements, fingers in the eyes of the enemy ...”

Celebrations

Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays

August

22nd Melvyn Morgan

25th Nick Thompson

September:

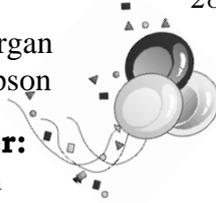
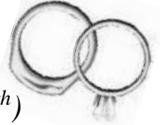
None known

August

28th Phil & Suzy Wake (25th)

September

None known



Can we celebrate your special day too? All you have to do is fill in the form and place them in the gold box at the back of the Church; spare forms to fill in are on the side of the box.



There are only 2 days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.



Letter to Mary

16th July 2018

Hi everyone,

Don't you just feel sometimes that time is flying by. The more you are busy, the quicker it goes. I used to love the six weeks holiday from school. Our Nana and Granda would take my oldest brother Richard and me away to Blackpool sometimes for a week. We still had time to play out in the street or down the lane with our friends. I used to amuse myself playing in a field behind our street at Hylton Castle estate. It was full of clover and buttercups and other wild flowers. I suppose you could say it was my quiet time; being the oldest got a bit hectic at home by the time I was 13. Our family moved into a bigger house with 3 bedrooms. The new houses were built over the field that I'd played in. Those summers always seemed long and warm. When we returned to school you always had to put your long socks on with your uniform because the weather was never quite as warm as it had been.

On 23rd June we went on the circuit trip to Harrogate. Once we had arrived, we found a cafe and had a coffee. Then we walked through the centre of town and onto the Valley Gardens. This was our first visit to the



gardens, which were beautiful. The layout was wonderful and the planting of the flowers and shrubs among the tree lined pathways was delightful. We spent a lovely afternoon there. Then it was on to our tea at Harrogate Methodist Church. The inside had been converted to allow a small cafe style room, but the original features had been left within the church, allowing us to see the building in its former glory. After tea it was onto the bus back home after a tiring but eventful day.

Last Wednesday Rob and I visited the Tall Ships. Starting off at the south end of Wearmouth Bridge, we walked down to the river bank and along towards the main body of the ships. We saw the ships moored adjacent to the Glass Centre on the north side

of the river. Following the riverside we were approaching the Fish Quay, where a man was shouting out that they were selling Burgers or Kippers in a bun for £1.50 each. This tempted us as it was lunchtime so we had Kippers in a bun, which were delicious. We carried on along the riverside and entered the exhibition through the gates at Corporation Quay. By this stage, the crowds were getting bigger and we were going to go onboard the “Mir”, but the queue was too long. We continued past more ships and came across the BBC marquee where we spotted Geoff Brown from the Look North Programme. This was too good a chance to miss, so I asked him if we could get a photo with him, he agreed and I got my photo with a celebrity. The path took us around to the dock gates past more ships. Going past the dock bridge we were onto Hudson Dock with a fine array of vessels moored alongside the quayside. There were a large number of stands at the back of the quayside selling, refreshments, memorabilia, sweets, food and drinks, all of which were busy. We were lucky enough to see two vessels entering through the dock gates into the dock, with the sailors lining the decks and on the rigging. It was a wonderful day, finished off by our visit to see the work of school children (our Amelia and Annabel among them) at an exhibition in the Exchange Buildings in High Street.



On Monday we did our babysitting shift over at Keeley’s house in Washington. This week it was a treat for us because we had been invited to go and watch a slide show of our Amelia’s nursery year group. We took her back to school, signed in at the main entrance and joined the queue for the school hall. The show started at 2.30 pm and lasted about 45 minutes. It was very enjoyable seeing all the children doing their lessons and activities. We came away with a pile of school books that she had filled this year, for her Mam and Dad to read. Next we had to collect Annabel from her class to take her home for tea. When Keeley came home, she showed us the school reports for Amelia and Annabel, which were excellent in both instances; well done girls.

We were able to leave Keeley's and come home so that I could attend my last swimming class of the term. I swam 38 lengths of Thornhill School swimming pool. This nearly matched my best total of 40 lengths in less than 1 hour.

This Saturday, 21st July, we have a coffee morning. We also have a church meeting at the same time. The meeting for the summer club starts at 10.30. I am one of the leaders so I'll have to split myself into 3 bits that morning.

We miss our Clare as she moved from her house in our street 5 weeks ago and we don't have her company as easily on tap as we used to. It is now a trip to the Wheatsheaf at Chester-Le-Street maybe once a week to see her and Manuele. But she's busy with the pub either serving or training new young workers. We went through on Sunday. It was too hot to work in the garden so I sat and read on the red leather settee beside the bookcase and fire place. I ended up with my feet up after Clare invited me to make myself at home and then went about her work again. I had 40 winks and then did some weeding for 2 hours before coming home on the bus. It's a lovely run home on the bus which has a recorded voice telling you the names of the next stops.

Today we have come to visit Mam. She's had her hair done this morning; it looks lovely, nice and short for the hot weather. They had wheeled her back into the lounge. When we came in she was asleep holding an empty glass in her hand. It must be another sleeping day because we were there almost an hour and she never woke up, even when the staff tried to wake her for her lunch. At least she is well at the moment.

Thursday 19th July 2018

This morning is another fine day. We walk up to St. Gabriel's for my slimming world class. Today, after class, we'll walk over to Pallion to have our hairs cut. I enjoy the exercise although I'm having a job getting out of bed. My hay fever made me sneeze so hard that I burst a blood vessel in my mouth and I'm finding it hard to swallow. Hey Ho, the trials of being a garden addict.

Bye for now,
Lots of love,

June

xxxxx

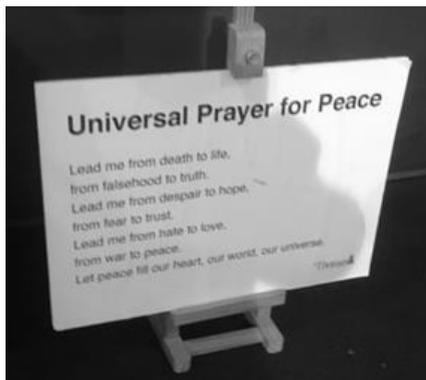
Prayer Time

The prayer corner, currently situated in the space between the inside ramp and the window in the meeting area, will be displaying some information from this year's Holiday Club; "All Aboard". Thank you to all those who helped in any way, including those who prayed for the club.



In addition to the current prayer corner, we have some ideas to enhance the prayer life of this Church. One of these is a "Prayer Tree", which came from one which Ann and Wendy saw in St. Thomas' Church in Newcastle. Ann tells us:

Whilst in St Thomas' Church in the centre of Newcastle I visited the Prayer Corner which made a great impression on me. It was a quiet restful place in a busy city but obviously appreciated. There was a branch of a tree and hanging from it were tags; each one had written on it a request for prayer. Tags were already prepared and a pen beside them, which enabled people to easily use them. Also in the corner was a table on which was placed a Bible and alongside was a copy of a universal prayer. There were one or two pictures and comfortable chairs on which to sit. Although there were several people in the church it was easy to experience a sense of peace and calm. I would like to think that such a haven could be created in Burn Park.



Poetry Corner

A Prayer for Summer

*Creator God
who breathed this world into being,
who is discernible within
the harmony of nature,
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
the grandeur of a mountain range,
the soaring eagle and humming bird,
thank you for this world
which you have created.
Thank you for summer sun,
which reminds us
that your creative breath
is still alive and active.
Thank you for the warmth of your love,
sustaining this world,
your garden*

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*It is not our job to fix people.
It is our job to love them, even while they are broken.*



Time for Reflection

On 24th May 1943 a land-mine landed in soft earth about 250 yards from where I lived at the time. If it had landed on the railway line which ran past our home, or on the road in the terrace opposite, I would not be here to tell the tale. I was in the Anderson shelter in our dining room with my mother and a friend. The soft earth came through the roof of our house and we had to be dug out. There was a celebration party afterwards and I remember many happy faces being around. Even as I write these words, the slightly musty smell of the mattress on which we lay in the shelter is there with me.

A while later, around what I now know to be VE Day, we went to visit my aunt and uncle who lived in Ilford in Essex. I was told there would be 'illuminations.' I can see me sitting in the porch in my pushchair, looking at a solitary street lamp and thinking that was the illuminations! This was, of course, the latter stages of the Second World War. I had lived my life in the blackout and had never seen a street lamp lit up before.

Before either of these events took place, my Dad came home on leave before going abroad with the Royal Signals. I must have become a little over-excited because I was sent to my room for being a "naughty boy." Can you imagine that? Me? When I came down I was asked, "Who told you you could come down?" I replied, "God did."

Each of these events happened before I reached the age of five years. I was reminded of them because my friend and next-door neighbour, Lucy, recently achieved that age!

Two of those events I remember very clearly to this day. I have no recollection of God telling me I could come downstairs, and only know because of having been told when I was older. However, I have no doubt in my mind, and never have had, about my call to preach the Gospel.

I have always seen Christianity as a rescue not a religion and Jesus as THE LIGHT that came into a very dark world at the time of its greatest need. I have been brought up in the Church all my life and

cannot remember a time when I was not part of the Christian Fellowship that is, or should be, "the Church."

When I was a child, we sang, "God make my life a little light within the world to glow." Now, as an adult, we sing, "Shine, Jesus, shine - fill this land with the Father's glory." As a child I saw a solitary dim light as a sign of hope and a promise; now, as an adult, I see Jesus Christ as the fulfilment of that hope and promise.

John Carter



Jesus Turns Water Into Wine



"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).

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 S V K E H O I A F G U T O D A
 B F R R B A N Q U E T P E U Z
 A A B R I D E G R O O M P D S

wedding	faith	best	last	Cana
Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
wine	disciples	servants	master	water
saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous

Burn Park Development Group

Back in February, an appeal went out for anyone who was interested in forming a steering group to try to turn things around for our Church; those who volunteered have formed this group.

This is a report of what we have done so far as a group and as the church family:

- *Met three times to plan, pray and consider what we can reasonably undertake in the coming year.*
- *Tidied up the notice board and updated the contact details.*
- *Smartened up the approach to the church by installing a number of planters and tubs.*
- *Enjoyed a favourite hymn service and look forward to another one.*
- *Joined with the Mustard Seed for their service at which we gave Pastor Sunday's wife Peggy a gift and a picture to take with her as she undertakes missionary work in Rwanda.*
- *Investigated the possibility of displaying a banner outside advertising all three churches meeting at Burn Park.*

Over the coming months it is our hope to fulfil the following:

- *Create and distribute a flyer:*
 - *To advertise the general life of the church*
 - *To advertise events coming up Sep-Dec*
 - *To advertise the others groups that use the church.*
- *Install a new Prayer Tree*
 - *To make a prayer tree available for everyone.*
 - *Situate in where most people can access it.*
 - *Regularly change the prayers to keep it current*
- *Develop a sense of community with others regularly using our building.*

- *Create a User group notice board*
 - *Each group can advertise its function*
 - *Look at creating a user group meeting*
- *Get people together for a Harvest Party with the theme: Harvest of Friendship*
- *To take place on the Saturday of harvest Weekend.*
 - *Invite the user groups to make a scarecrow and bring it to the party.*
- *Bible Study*
- *John Carter has offered to host and lead one at his house.*
 - *John has also offered to lead another favourite hymn service*

Following a meeting of the Church Council held on Saturday 21st July we will be:

- *Beginning a new worship service: we feel that there is an enthusiasm for a different style of worship e.g. Café Style and will explore this further in consultation with the Stewards and others.*
- *Removing some of the side pews to create more of a display/flexible area.*

As you can see there are a number of opportunities beginning to unfold. Some will bring significant changes, others less so. At the heart of all of this is the directive from the Spring Church Council:

To give ourselves until July 2019 to see if we can tun things around and discern God's calling on our life together.

Please pray for the members of the Development Group and for the life of our Church.

We are all in this together.

God bless,

Rosemary X

Now for some funnies ...

All ready for the children going back to school?

Remember your spelling rules:

i before e except ... when you run a feisty heist on a weird, beige, foreign neighbour!

Remember your punctuation matters:

A woman, without her man, is nothing.

A woman: without her, man is nothing.

We're going to learn how to cut and paste kids!

We're going to learn how to cut and paste, kids!



A woman in labour was shouting, "Don't, can't, shouldn't, couldn't ..." she was having contractions!



I bought a dog from my local blacksmith. When I got it home it made a bolt for the door.



I was trying to explain puns to my kleptomaniac friend today, but she kept taking things literally.



I just watched a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting.



Jokes about opticians just get cornea and cornea.

Technically, Moses



**was the first person
with a tablet
downloading data
from the cloud**



Diary Dates

Preachers at Burn Park for August:

August	
5 th Rev. Rosemary Nash: Sacrament	19 th Mr. Peter Allan-Robson
12 th Mr. Reginald Thompson	26 th Rev. Rosemary Nash: Sacrament

Important Dates to note around and about:

Mon 6 – Thu 9 Aug: 7:30 p.m.: Hexham Trinity Methodist Church (NE46 3LS): Summer Bible Study: theme The Sermon on the Mount: led by Revs. Paul Dunstan & David Goodall

Sun 2 Sep: Rev. Kathryn Stephens' welcome service at her new appointment in Stoke: transport is being arranged: cost up to £35: contact Margaret Brown (5285069) or Joyce Hindmarch (9085311) asap for info or to book

Tue 4 Sep: 7:30 p.m.: Burn Park: rehearsals recommence for Park Productions' concert celebrating the Centenary of the end of the First World War

Wed 5 Sep: time tbc: Venue tbc: Circuit Welcome Service for Rev. Jane Cook

Sat 15 Sep: 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Burn Park: monthly Coffee Morning

Tue 18 Sep for 5 weeks: Ryton Methodist Church: Mission Shaped Intro (msi) course: run by Rev Elaine Lindridge

Sat 22 Sep: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Seahouses Methodist Church (NE68 7RF): Newcastle District Methodist Women in Britain study day: theme "Journeys"

*For more details about these and other events,
please see your weekly printed notices or Circuit Plan*



*If you have any notices to be published, or articles for the next magazine, please contact Suzy Wake at Church, tel: **5226257**, by e-mail on WaSus654@aol.com, or at 119, Tunstall Rd, by 9 p.m. Thursday.*

BURN PARK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Burn Park Methodist Church exists to worship God,
and make the Love of Jesus known, in our welcome,
outreach, and care for all.

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Regular Events at this Church:

Sunday

10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship & Sunday Club
11.00 a.m.	Mustard Seed Church led by Pastor Sunday Raji
1.00 p.m. - 3:00 pm	Deeper Life Church Worship
6.00 p.m.	Churches Together Drop-In for Homeless people

Tuesday

11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	Lunch Club
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Park Productions

Wednesday

6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Deeper Life Church Bible Study
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Thursday

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee@Burn Park
1.00 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.	Stroke Club
6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts

Friday

9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Toddlers Group
7 p.m.	Young Asian Voices

Saturday

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon	Coffee Mornings (3 rd week of month)
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To book rooms for an event,
please contact Melvyn Morgan on Tel: 5251930.

