

Group News



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Pastoral Letter

I hope that this magazine will find you all refreshed after a summer break and ready to start again. For many of us the last few weeks will have included a holiday and time spent away from our usual routines. Holidays provide a chance for us all to wind down and then come back reinvigorated and ready to go again.

It would have been nice if somebody had instructed our grandchildren that visiting their grandparents during the holiday was for rest and recuperation. I am still trying to work out how waking in top gear at 6am and jumping on grandpa is consistent with a restful time! In spite of their unending energy, it is always a joy to have children around the house reminding us that life is there to be lived and opportunities grabbed with both hands,

Like all children, our grandchildren are excellent at making best use of every opportunity to extract an extra treat out of supervising grand parents. To them it is all fair game, extra time on the toys, chocolate after meals and the ice cream in the park. They will always assure us that all such activities are fine with mum and dad. Whilst it is a pleasure to be able to spoil the grand children it is then even better to be able to hand them back to doting parents. Having them to visit encourages us to get out of our usual routines and do something different, usually in the cause of keeping them amused. For us, their visits have included trips to local museums, parks and a swimming pool; a bit a careful selection meant we were also able to include a model railway exhibition, circus skills and a wave machine. In giving the grandchildren fun, we gave ourselves a change, even if the result was exhausted grandparents.

So it is for God as he watches us at play in His world. Life can be busy and demanding but can also fun and rewarding. It is not by chance that the first miracle recorded by Jesus was for people celebrating as he changed water into wine. We are allowed to have fun, to have rest and recuperation. What he then expects is that we use our reinvigorated selves to work for His kingdom...

Roger Wheeler

Synod Prayers

3rd September

Creation Time; Green Apostle the Revd Dr Trevor Jamison

10th September

Education Sunday; Lay Preaching Commissioner Dr Ann Sinclair;
Learning & Development Officer Lucy Cooke

17th September

St Andrew's, Kenton; Jesmond; St James's, Newcastle; West End,
Newcastle; the Revd Ryan Sirmons

24th September

Our second world church partner, the United Church of Christ New
York Conference; Conference Minister the Revd Dr Marsha Williams

Guisborough

What friends I have.

An important date for the beginning of this month (August), had been recorded on the calendar for a couple of months. My closest friend and her husband were celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary. Family and others were invited to lunch to share the special day with them in Hexham. What a joyous time One of the most welcome results of long standing friendships, is the easy conversation. We share experiences which result from being of similar age. As long as discussion of health issues is strictly avoided, there is plenty of scope for shared memories and laughter! We are known, we have connections and much in common.

Sometimes friendships are made through work where there is always the need to cooperate to achieve a result. But if circumstances change a link is broken until perhaps in the future another shared interest refreshes the connection.

Guisborough Calendar

Weekly

Thursday from 9.30am Coffee in Church Hall
from 10.30am Church open for private prayer
11.30am Thursday Prayers led by Maureen and Ray.
Details on church notice board

I am fortunate to have a number of faithful friends who as the years have passed have remained in touch. We each recognise our need for mutual support, a safe space to be ourselves. I am certain you will relate to some of the above. These quieter days of summer school holidays and special dates have highlighted the true value of positive relationships afresh to me

I have been blessed with a secure and caring start in life with unconditional love from parents which undoubtedly helps in the understanding of God the father. And yes I see all the support, love and understanding from my friends as helpful in my faith too. I should be able to sing the words of R & S 413, with conviction.

We in Guisborough have a number of 'Friends of the church' who choose to remain in contact with us without being members. We have a duty to keep practical contact with them as a positive opportunity to share the many benefits of friendship.

Dear friends, thank you.\

Joyce

	Welcome/door	Vestry/notices
3 September	Jenny	Martin
10 September	Darren	Jenny
17 September	Martin	Ray
24 Septembe	Sandra	Peter
1st October	Joyce	Maureen

St Andrew's

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Michael Scaife.

Michael was a member and more recently a leader of our Boy's Brigade Company.

Please remember his family in your prayers.

Advance Notice.....

A Soup Lunch is to be held here at St. Andrew's on Saturday 14th October at 12.00. Admission £3.00. There will also be a raffle and proceeds are for Middlesbrough Food Bank.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service is to take place on Sunday 24th September at the usual time of 10.00am. Donations of tinned food, packets, toiletries etc will be gratefully received for Middlesbrough Food Bank.

Many thanks.

Coffee for Charity

18th June	Middlesbrough Food Bank	£35.00
25th June	British. Heart Foundation	£21.00
2nd July	Middlesbrough Food Bank	£15.00
8th July	Teesside Hospice	£20.00
16th July	Clean Water Appeal for Ukraine	£39.00
23rd July	Middlesbrough Food Bank	£35.00
30th July	Middlesbrough Food Bank	£43.35
6th August	Water Aid	£20.73
13th August	Middlesbrough Food Bank	£17.80

St Andrew's Calendar

Weekly/Monthly

Boy's Brigade

Details available from church elders.

Organ Repairs

The swell organ has not been working for some time so the opportunity was taken in early August to dismantle and repair this part of the organ whilst the premises were relatively quiet. Initial investigation confirmed the swell organ was out of tune but more importantly the sliders that control the swell organ were sticking. These four foot long perforated timbers move under the pipes and switch the ranks of pipe on and off as required.

To gain access to the sliders, the 300 pipes of the swell organ were removed and carefully stored. It was then possible to free the sliders which were catching on a longstanding crack in the sound board. This was achieved by the careful use of sandpaper and the addition of a strip of paper to reestablish a working clearance and moving sliders.

Following this repair, the pipes were returned to the swell box and retuned with the assistance of an iPhone and commercial tuning app. Tuning beads on the pipes need to be placed with an accuracy of about 5mm on the longest 2.4m pipes dropping down to fractions of a millimetre on the shortest pipes. In practice, a carefully placed tap with a small block of wood makes all the difference. Hands are not allowed because they warm the pipes with the alteration in temperature causing chaos.

Following this work, I believe that we now have a full serviceable organ and I hope a happy organist. A fully voiced rendition of Blaenwern on Sunday was a promising sign.

Roger

Redcar

Station Road Premises

Redcar URC continues to work with the Baptist Church to provide Christian worship in Redcar.

Unfortunately significant electrical concerns were identified in the Station Road building at the end of July and the decision was made to close the building until repairs had been made. The URC church and Baptists have continued to worship together at the Baptist Church in Park Road but are looking forward to returning to Station Road in the near future.

Preachers

	Marthon	Guisborough	Redcar
	10.00am	10.00am	10.30am
3-Sep	Jan Harper Meeting	Ray Tunicliffe	Redcar Baptist in URC Church
10-Sep	Dave Elliott Parade	Jan Harper Communion	Redcar Baptist in URC Church
17-Sep	Jan Harper Communion	John Elliston	Redcar Baptist in URC Church
24-Sep	Maranny Jones Harvest	Guis Folk Meeting	Redcar Baptist in URC Church
1-Oct	Brian Stephenson	Rosemary Taylor	Redcar Baptist in URC Church

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