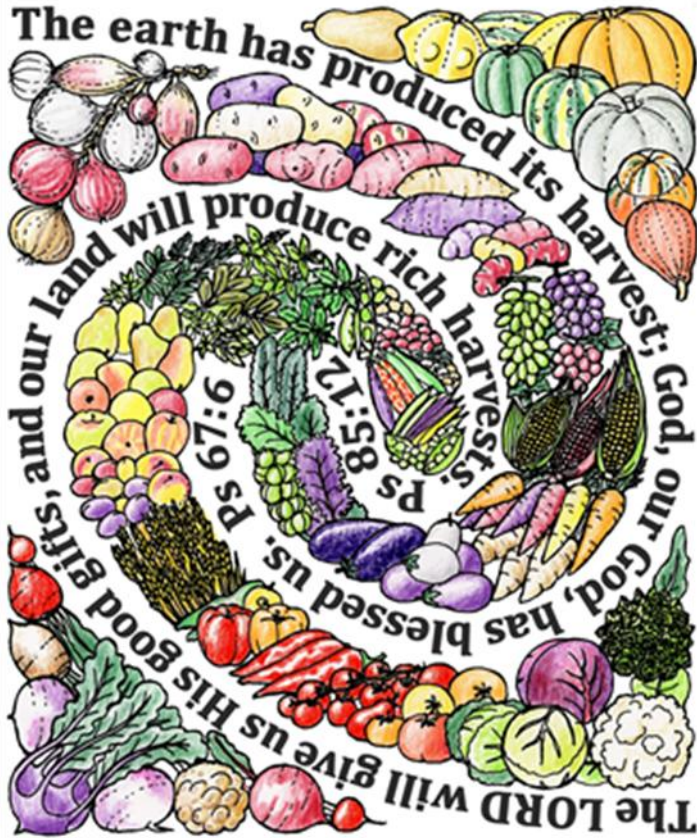


PARISH MAGAZINE



SEPTEMBER 2026 - 50p

St Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside



Parish of St Cuthbert, Benfieldside

The Parish is currently in vacancy – please contact the wardens during this time:

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Sunday Parish Eucharist

10.30 am each Sunday with visiting Clergy

Please note that Thursday morning services have been suspended for the foreseeable future.

Check Calendar & Pewsheets for details of services!

- online services, reflections and other offerings may be found through our Facebook pages.
- please also check online for updates & amendments!



It's an easy way to stay up-to-date with both our parishes. You don't need to be a Facebook member (though it helps if you "like" us)

Day-by-day news, prayer, videos and pictures at
[facebook.com/benfieldside](https://www.facebook.com/benfieldside)

Instead of letting a mob of hoodlums surround and trample me to death, I force them into a single file and handle them one at a time. - *D Mallough*

PARISH CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

- Wed 2 7.15 pm **PCC Meeting** – *Ian Severs Room, Church Hall*
- Sunday 6 **14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 (Ezekiel 33.7-11; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20)
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST
Revd Canon Stephen Herbert presiding
- Mon 7 2.00 pm **Mothers' Union Meeting** - *St Cuthbert's Hall*
- Fri 11 7.00 pm 'A Treasure of Memories' - an illustrated talk by
 Julian Harrop from Beamish Museum – *St Cuthbert's Hall*
- Sunday 13 **15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 (Genesis 50.15-21; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35)
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST
Revd Phil Carter presiding
- Sat 19 10.30 – 12.00 noon **Coffee Plus** – *St Cuthbert's Hall*
- Sunday 20 **16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/HARVEST**
 (Jonah 3.10-4.11; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16)
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST
& OFFERING OF HARVEST GIFTS
followed by a HARVEST LUNCH – St Cuthbert's Hall
Revd Anthony Bash presiding
- Sunday 27 **17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 (Ezekial 18.1-4, 25-end; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32)
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST
Revd Canon Gavin Wort presiding

OCTOBER

- Sunday 6 **18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 (Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-end)
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST
Revd Anthony Bash presiding

Still viewing from the Vicarage

Interim report...



I'm writing in that strange in-between phase of existence when I've retired from my post of Vicar in the parish, but still find myself living in the Vicarage. So I'm here – but “not here.” What is true is the sense of thankfulness that continues in my heart for all that we have shared over the last 32 years – and the way that was marked at my retirement.

“What are you doing with your time?” – people are asking. One gift I received is a “*Permanent Vacation Out of Office Diary*.” It's replaced the day-on-a-page (two pages for Sundays!) *Church Book and Desk Diary* which I've previously used. It makes it easier to find the few scheduled events in my life I now have to watch out for – and gives me a page opposite where I can reflect on life as it continues. So far it contains entries like “Go to the Tip” (again!), see the film, “*The Odyssey*” (with fierce air-conditioning that kept me awake during its three hours' duration), meet up with a friend I haven't seen for over 15 years... - all good!

One of my hopes about these weeks was that I could get out to sit in the garden to build up a tan. Quite the reverse has happened in fact. Just before retirement I had a check on a skin blemish that no one had noticed except me. It proved to be non-malignant, but nevertheless it was recommended to get rid of it – everything is statistics, and in up to 13% of cases a “solar keratosis” can lead to skin cancer. So I started using the prescribed cream which I discovered to be a form of self-applied chemotherapy. Thankfully the accompanying leaflet told me what to expect with very red patches developing, inflammation and peeling skin. It's given me a very slight personal insight into what intravenous chemo treatment might entail. And I've had to keep out of the sun as well as reply to the occasional question, “What have you done to your face?”

I've finished the treatment now, and I'm glad to say that any blemishes seem to have gone and the sore redness has subsided quickly – though flaking continues. New skin is forming rapidly. At Evening Prayer the other day, the reading was from Mark chapter 2 where Jesus tells his disciples, “No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the

skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

Elsewhere I’ve been reflecting on St Paul’s thoughts on the mortal nature of our bodies. Romans 7 and 2 Corinthians 4 have been on my mind – but be careful how you read these passages: what he says about our perishability goes along with our reasons for hope! Paul gives us a diagnosis of the human condition: not just our physical state but the symptoms of what needs to be put right in our relationship with God. The good news is that in both cases there are steps we can take to put things right.

Treatment over, I now have to focus on the coming weeks in preparation to move. As I write, the final Building Certificate on my new home will hopefully be issued later this week - with the house likely to come into my possession at the end of August or beginning of September. Now I need to get on with the practicalities of what I can take with me, what needs to be left behind or even dumped, what things I will need to buy new... So I’m glad to have had that encounter with Jesus’ words about the new wine and the fresh wineskins. I’m glad for that new skin now forming on my forehead. I may have reached my three score years and ten, but beyond all the challenges new opportunities beckon.

God bless you all!

Martin Jackson

St Cuthbert’s Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 29 September, at 2.00 pm, when we will be discussing ‘Felicia’s Journey’ by William Trevor.



The following meeting will be on Tuesday 27 October, at 2.00 pm.

Both meetings will be held in the Ian Severs Room in the Church Hall.

New members welcome! Please contact Liz Temple if you would like to join us - 07960 494441 or liztemple51@gmail.com.

Rosie Junemann



Coffee Morning PLUS!

19 September from 10.30 am – 12.00 noon

As we didn't have a Summer Fair this year, we are having an extra special Coffee Morning in September

Please join us and help to raise funds for our church...

An opportunity to catch up with friends, old and new, over a leisurely cup of coffee/tea, home-made scones, tray bakes, sweet treats.

There will be a Raffle, a Tombola Stall, a Cake Stall (all contributions gratefully received), a Book stall and a Treasure Map.

Please come along and help raise money for our church.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Quiet Day at Minsteracres

On Friday 9 October 2026 from 10.00 - 4.00 pm

Trish Kemp, a member of Christ Church Consett, is holding a Quiet Day at Minsteracres to which members from all the churches in the proposed Derwent Valley Team are warmly invited. Trish is an experienced Quiet Day leader, Spiritual Director and member of Minsteracres Retreat Team.

Quiet will not mean silent but the day does offer time to step away from our daily lives to spend time with God recharging our batteries in the tranquility and beauty of this place. The grounds provide ideal opportunity for walking and enjoying the beauty of the Shrubbery and Peace Garden.

The charge for the day is £40.00 per person (a discounted price) and includes room hire fee, tea/coffee and homemade biscuits on arrival, an excellent 2 course lunch and tea and coffee again with homemade treats before departure.

Numbers are limited so please contact Trish either, by phone 07816 281253 leaving name and contact details or email patkemp@aol.com.

Mothers' Union Celebrates 150 years



150 years on, Mothers' Union is a "powerhouse" - Archbishop of Canterbury

The Mothers' Union is celebrating its 150th anniversary. At a celebratory service held on 10 June in St Paul's Cathedral, Dame Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury said she had seen first-hand the profound impact of its work in communities around the world, "in family life, healthcare, education, social projects — challenging poverty, injustice and violence... In fact, I often say, if I need something doing, ask the Mothers' Union to do it."

Her sermon on Ephesians had asked: "How do we sustain ourselves as we serve? How do we nourish our own spiritual, mental, and physical well-being, whilst we are tending to the needs of others?"

The answer, she suggested, lay in St Paul's words: "I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

She continued. "May *you* know the depth of God's love in the grass-roots work that you do throughout the world. May *you* know the breadth of God's love as you strive to serve this global movement."

"You are salt to our world, in the ordinary, everyday ways you make such a difference to the people you serve, and in the fellowship that you offer to one another."



St Cuthbert's 100 Club - Winners

July 2026

1st prize	No 31	Jennifer Lambert
2nd prize	No 40	Connor and Tom Farley
3rd prize	No 99	Grace O'Malley



August 2026

1st prize	No 55	Lottie O'Malley
2nd prize	No 38	Carol Llewellyn
3rd prize	No 39	Lynne Severs

Further details on how to join the 100 Club - please contact our organiser, Glynis Bell, phone 01207 501158 or 0777 206 6265.

Mothers' Union...



It was good to have a meeting in August for a change, getting together again after missing the one in June. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 7 September** in the **Ian Severs Room in the Church Hall** at the usual time of **2.00 pm**. As always, everyone is welcome to join us on the afternoon - you don't need to be a member, or a mother, or a woman.

The **Christmas catalogues** should be available soon. Look out for them, Christmas isn't so very far away!

Sheila Barnes

St Cuthbert's Facebook Page



If you would like to post anything related to our Church on Facebook, please do send it on to me. For example; the upkeep, maintenance and repair of the church, the flower team and their magnificent displays, the bell ringers and their competitions, anything you are doing involving our Church or its involvement with other Churches and Community organisations.

We can put this on Facebook and tell our online community. So don't be shy, let's tell everyone what we're up to!

Keith Maddison

Let The Band Play On

There is a moment during every day where most of us listen to a memorable tune or focus in on a few chords of an evocative song that we hear in passing on a radio, in our cars, at home or perhaps during our supermarket visits. Musical sounds are also all around us as we venture outdoors. They accompany us on our daily routines; the magical sound of birdsong, the woodland winds rustling tree canopies far above, the sounds of the river, flowing and babbling with a constant beat. Whether they are man-made sounds or the chords of nature around us, such moments give us an opportunity to stop and collect our emotions, filling us with a fondness of memory as we recall why these special sounds are so evocative.

Music has the power to transport us to a time and place of memory within nostalgia, to set us in melancholy moods or lift us to sing from our hearts as we recall emotions and memories from our past. For me, I revel in tunes of all genres, pleasantly meandering between the classical overtones of Vaughan Williams or Debussy, to the rhythmic synthesisers of new wave music, a plethora of classic rock and blues music, to the new age classical piano overtures of Einaudi. They are emotional signposts for me and we all have our favourites.

In Church, we also have the benefit of some exemplary hymnal arrangements which enable us to tunefully sing the praises and glories of God. They unite the mind and heart, encouraging us all as we sing as one with the same lips and voices. They have the power to move and comfort us, to bring peace and contentment, stirring emotions and opening our hearts. Music and melodies are there as always to support and empower our praise. So, for us all, a time or place, an event or a season, gives everyone the opportunity of pleasure to enjoy the diversity that only 12 notes provide. As such, through notes of sadness or joy, of jubilation and celebration, our nostalgia is indulged as we delight in the sounds that accompany our daily lives. Music is absolutely, food for the soul.

'Music washes away from the soul, the dust of everyday life' – Berthold Auerbach

Keith Maddison

St Cuthbert's Magazine

Is there something you would like to see in our magazine, something perhaps you could contribute, or just something you would like people to know? If you can contribute an article on a regular or ad-hoc basis, please do contact us, we'd love to hear your ideas? It is your magazine, let's hear your news.

Food 4 U Donations

Many thanks for your weekly contributions to the County Durham and Sunderland Foodbank placed in our donation box at the back of Church. Since June we have made 4 donations to the food bank at Consett Methodist Church.

Please help us to continue to support of those in need.



On the 14 July we delivered 10.5kg of donated items, and on 5 August, 12.5kg. To date, from June 2026, that is 52.5kg donated. Thank you so much. All non-perishable items and toiletries are gratefully received. This month the food bank is especially asking for Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Fruit, Rice Pudding, Coffee and Tinned Tomatoes. Also, any unwanted carrier bags are welcomed. Any donations are gratefully accepted.

For further information on the work of the County Durham foodbank, you can visit them online at <https://durham.foodbank.org.uk> or find them on Facebook as 'County Durham and Sunderland Foodbank'. *Thank You.*

Keith Maddison

Flower Fund

I think everyone who comes to St Cuthbert's Church, will comment on the wonderful flower displays that we have in Church. The flower ladies do a remarkable job and spend time and love to make the Church look so resplendent throughout the year. A basket is provided at the back of Church for donations towards the cost of the flowers for special occasions like Easter, Harvest and Christmas, however, without regular donations, the fund depletes rapidly.

Could you consider giving a donation, perhaps on the anniversary of a loved one, or to celebrate some particular milestones in your life – anniversaries, special birthdays etc? If you can offer any support, please see the flower ladies or the Churchwardens.



Sunday 20 September

10.30 am HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE with the offering of Harvest Gifts followed by a Harvest Lunch

Our celebration of Harvest-tide is one of the traditions of the year, and the needs for your generosity are just as great! We welcome gifts for our Harvest Appeal as offerings during the Eucharist for the People's Kitchen. Look out for the basket at the back of Church for donations towards the flowers. Our flower teams would also be pleased to receive in advance any produce from your garden/allotment or purchased Harvest gifts which may be used to decorate our churches.

Harvest Flowers

As ever we welcome donations to help with the cost of flowers. As in previous years, our flower teams would be pleased to receive in advance any produce from your garden/allotment or purchased Harvest gifts which may be used to decorate our churches.



Harvest Offerings: Produce and the People's Kitchen

The People's Kitchen was established in Newcastle in 1985. It is run entirely by volunteers so every penny donated goes directly to helping vulnerable Friends who might be homeless, at risk, unemployed, lonely, or living in poverty. The gifts they receive at Harvest-time are really important - please see the list of items they are requiring at this time.

Money if possible (cheques payable to "The People's Kitchen" which can be Gift Aided too – forms at the back of Church).

- **Tinned Veg** – plum and chopped tomatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes
- **Tinned Fruit** – peaches, pineapples, fruit cocktail, pears, mandarin oranges
- **Soup** – tinned or instant vegetable, tomato, chicken, broth, lentil, potato and leek
- **Cooking/baking ingredients** – caster and granulated sugar, self-raising and plain flour, jam, coconut, cocoa, dried fruit, cooking oil, lentils, broth mix, spices
- **Snacks** – pot noodles, pot pasta, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets, cereal bars
- **Drinks** – UHT milk, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cartons of juice, fruit squash
- **Desserts** – rice pudding, jelly, angel delight, instant and tinned custard, evaporated milk, golden syrup, black treacle
- **Tinned meat** – ham, corned beef, chilli, curry, minced beef, bolognaise, stewing steak
- **Cooking sauces** – Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, coconut milk
- **Condiments** – tomato ketchup, brown sauce, mayonnaise, salt, pepper
- **Pasta and rice** – lasagne, egg noodles, rice
- **Stock and gravy** – vegetarian, beef, chicken, onion
- **Toiletries** – soap, men's spray deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, razors, toothpaste and brushes, sanitary products
- **Cleaning/other** – washing up liquid, washing powder, books, DVDs, DVD players/small-medium flat screen TVs
- **Rough sleepers** – sleeping bags, rucksacks, handwarmers, flasks, unlocked mobile phone
- **Pet food** – wet, dry, treats for cats and dogs
- **Clothing** – trainers, waterproof jackets, joggers, jeans, sweatshirts, T-shirts, socks, gloves, scarfs, hats

You can also donate by text. **Text KITCHEN to 70490.**
 For example: KITCHEN 10 will donate £10; KITCHEN 5 will donate £5.

Texts will cost your chosen donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

In case you'd like to send a donation direct, here's the address:

**The People's Kitchen, Allison Centre, 56 Bath Lane
 Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5SQ**



Wedding of Elizabeth Thompson and Adam Forster

On Saturday 8 August, at the cathedral church of St Peter and St Wilfrid, Ripon, the sun shone, the organ thundered and the bells rang out for the marriage of Elizabeth Thompson to Adam Forster.

It was an early start to the day at the bride's home when the hair stylist knocked at the door before 6.30 am. The bridal bouquets needed finishing, and the buttonholes were yet to be made. The flower arrangements incorporated white roses for Adam's Yorkshire heritage and Northumbrian tartan ribbon to reflect Elizabeth's Northumbrian roots. Elizabeth, having floristry qualifications, naturally wanted to create her own wedding flowers. However, she left the big job of doing the arrangements for the cathedral for her mother to do!



The bridal cars (1933 Chrysler Plymouth PC 6 and a 1935 Morris Oxford), supplied and driven by friends of the couple to be, arrived in good time to take the bride, the chief bridesmaid (Rachel Bean) and the bride's parents (Sonia and Peter Thompson) on the 30 minutes or so journey from the village of Kirk Hammerton to Ripon.

Adam had a leisurely morning at his parents' house until he found that he had left the waistcoats for himself and the groomsmen at his home so he sent his mother to fetch them! Once fully dressed, he made his way to the cathedral with Sam, his best man in tow in a 100-year-old Austin 7 "Chummy".

At the cathedral, as family and friends gathered, a team of 12 bell ringers were up in the south-west tower ringing a quarter peal before the service. This was not only conducted by Stephen Bean but also composed by him especially for the occasion. Elizabeth, having been a bell ringer since the age of 9, made a point of arriving early so she had time to listen to the bells before entering the cathedral via the west door.

The bridal party processed along the nave to Pachelbel's Canon in D major with two bridesmaids and a pageboy (young nieces and nephew), and Rachel following behind, keeping with tradition. The service itself was held in the quire of the cathedral in front of the high altar and the officiant was the Very Rev John Dobson, Dean of Ripon, who had previously served his curacy at St Cuthbert's in the late 1980s. It was a lovely service, simple and relaxed, including the hymns "I vow to thee, my country" and "Jerusalem", and a reading from the Song of Solomon delivered by Ian Bean. The departure of the wedding party was accompanied by a fabulous rendition of the main theme tune to the 1964 film "633 Squadron" by Ron Goodwin, the organ filling the cathedral with sound. It was a goosebump moment indeed listening to the music then stepping out into the sunshine and the sound of the bells.

After some photographs and the obligatory throwing of flower petal confetti, Elizabeth and Adam left for their reception in the family-owned 1964 Series IIA Land Rover which was suitably bedecked with ribbons, flowers,



garlands as well as bell ropes (a nod to the bride's ringing connection). The wedding guests, many of them driving vintage cars themselves (there was a theme going on here) made their way along the picturesque roads to the reception held on The Swinton Estate just outside Masham. Drinks and canapés were served in the main castle whilst the photographer busied himself with a long list of group shots to be taken as a record of the day. Then the 60-strong party of guests had a 10-minute walk, mostly uphill, across the deer park to "The Deer House" (built originally as an open-sided folly but now converted to a function venue) for the main reception. Once speeches were made and cake was cut, the ceilidh band struck up for evening entertainment, starting with "The Gay Gordons" and, as darkness fell, log burning braziers were lit outside to add to the ambiance, rounding off a wonderful day.

The photos reflect the joys of the day – some of which were taken on the late Claire Bean's camera, so she too was part of the day. So, after 18 months in the planning, it was over in a flash!

Sonia Thompson

Local History Corner

Northumberland & Durham Miners Permanent Relief Fund

There have many benevolent and organised social funds set up in the North East to aid those working in industries once widespread within our communities. Their aims were to provide relief from not only poverty and destitution for families and dependents struggling and in dire need, but provide pensions and medical relief for many. In the days of fledgling trade unions, permanent funds helped the widows and orphans, and were a backstop for many when disaster often struck.

This such fund, was a permanent relief or provident fund and was established in various coalfields in the second half of the nineteenth century, from 1862 onwards. They were intended to provide benefits to the widows and 'orphans' of miners killed in their work, disablement benefits for miners who suffered injuries or occupational disease, and, in some cases, payments to old and infirm miners no longer able to work. These were 'permanent funds' because, unlike friendly societies or other agencies, they paid benefits indefinitely. The Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, founded in the wake of the Hartley Colliery disaster, was the first such permanent relief fund. It was also one of the most consensual and lasted well into the twentieth century after its counterparts in other coalfields had come to an end.

The fund's establishment was a response to the high risk of accidents faced by miners, and it aimed to provide a safety net for families. It was a significant development in the history of miners' welfare and was a precursor to modern pension and insurance systems. The fund's legacy continues to influence the welfare and support systems for people today.



I have a certificate for my Great Grandfather, from April 1868, when he became a member of the Tanfield Lea branch of the fund. Subscriptions were deducted at source by employers, but peace of mind was the concern for the pitman and his obligations to his family. The concern of many to protect those in need, when state or employer help was virtually non-existent, was a necessity for the working classes and their families at that time.

Keith Maddison

The Churches of St Cuthbert

Next in our series is St. Cuthbert's Church in the village of Crayke. It is a Grade II listed building by English Heritage and is the Deanery of Easingwold, North Yorkshire. It shares a benefice with All Saints, Brandsby, and Holy Trinity, Yearsley, and is part of the Byland Churches Group.

The Church was built in around 1490, on the site previously occupied by a Church from the Anglo-Saxon period. A restoration in 1862-63 saw the Church refurbished and a north aisle added. The Church is constructed of ashlar stone in a perpendicular style, with a 3-bay nave, a north aisle, a south porch, a 2-bay chancel and a west tower. Battlemented surrounds to the Church have many pinnacles and gargoyles.

There is a 15th Century font and a 16th Century memorial within the Church. On the doorstep is Crayke Castle, 15th Century, built upon the site of a Norman Castle. The village is named in the Domesday Book as Crec (meaning prominent rock), a Hundred belonging to the Bishop of Durham. King Egfrith of Northumbria (Reign 670-685) granted Crayke to the church in 685 to be used by Cuthbert on his visits to York, to which end Cuthbert founded a Northumbrian monastery in Crayke.

Here is a link to St. Cuthbert's at Crayke, for more information - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18883/>

Keith Maddison



Cancer Research Fundraising and Remembering Claire Bean

Statistically, 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. In the last 2 years our family has experienced this first hand. Starting in June 2024, we got the sad news that my mother Claire Bean, was diagnosed with a rare cancer. Mam underwent her first operation in September 2024 to remove the cancer. Results at the time suggested the operation was a success and we were all hopeful she would make a full recovery. However, a CT scan in March 2025 brought the bad news that the cancer had spread to her lymph nodes and she underwent a second operation in April 2025 to remove these. She was due to start a course of radiotherapy and chemotherapy following this operation to stop the cancer spreading further, but sadly due to the rapid progression of the cancer the treatment was unable to take place. July 2025, we got the devastating news that her diagnosis was terminal and on 6 September 2025, Mam lost her battle and passed away peacefully at Willowburn Hospice with me, Dad and Stephen at her side.

After our loss, we thought that would be the last we would hear of cancer for a while but in March 2026, our father, Ian Bean, was diagnosed with bowel cancer following a bowel cancer screening test. So, in April 2026, Dad underwent his own operation to remove a section of his bowel containing the cancer. This operation was a success and after recovery time and further tests, we got the good news that as the cancer was caught early enough, it appears to have been removed fully and aside from monitoring, he needs no further treatment at this time.

I thought it was bad enough to watch one parent go through a cancer battle and sadly lose their life but to have a second parent deal with cancer in just under 2 years was heartbreaking. Without support from the hospitals or previous research into cancer, we wouldn't have got as long with Mam as we did, and Dad potentially wouldn't have been diagnosed as early as he was.

As it's coming up to 1 year since we lost mam, Stephen and I wanted to do something to help others dealing with cancer themselves and all their loved ones trying to help them win their battle. So, we are taking part in the Shine Night Walk on 10 October 2026 to raise money for Cancer Research UK. I am walking to raise money for rare cancers (like Mam's) so that

others don't have to go through the same struggles we watched Mam go through and hopefully fund research to prevent people losing their lives to rare cancers. Similarly, Stephen is walking to raise money for bowel cancer research to help people like Dad. So please donate if you can, to support us and fund research to help other people like our Mam and Dad when they need it most.

There are sponsorship forms at the back of church should you wish to donate.

Alternatively, please see the links below to our online giving pages where you can donate and include gift aid if you wish:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/rachels-giving-page-703013>
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/stephens-giving-page-11985>
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/team-beans-shinenight2026>

Rachel Bean

MacMillan Mighty Hike Fundraising

This year Scott and I will be tackling our fourth full MacMillan Mighty Hike (26 miles) on Saturday 5 September, in memory of my lovely cousin Andrew Bates, who sadly lost his long and hard fought battle with cancer in February this year.

So many of our family and friends have been, or are, affected by this awful disease. Please help us if you can, to raise funds for this great charity.

Any donations, great or small, towards our £500 target will be very much appreciated. The link for our Just Giving page is below.

Many thanks.

<https://mightyhikesfundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/scott-and-kelsey-the-blister-busters>

Kelsey and Scott

The Next Friday Night Thing...

Join us for a memorable evening with Julian Harrop from Beamish Museum with images from The Durham Advertiser between 1934 and 1961.

This will take place in the Church Hall on **Friday 11 September at 7.00 pm.**

Tickets are available from Jan Worters or Helen Winter on the numbers on the poster or available from church.

Looking forward to seeing you on what is expected to bring back lots of 'Treasured Memories'.

Jan Worters and Helen Winter

FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7pm
 St Cuthbert's Church Hall on Church Bank – DH8 0NW

A Treasure of Memories - Durham Advertiser Images 1934 to 1961
 (With a focus on Consett and Shotley Bridge)

An illustrated talk by Julian Harrop from Beamish Museum

Nibbles provided – Bring your own drinks – All very welcome

Tickets £5 – Telephone 01207 502078 or 07884 967058

Veterans Marathon 1960



"Clippies" cricket test 1954





More music . . .

Newcastle Cathedral

Mondays 7, 14, 21 and 28 September, 1.05 – 1.45pm

Organ Recital series - Free

www.newcastlecathedral.org.uk

Hexham Abbey

Thursdays 3 and 17 September, 1.00 – 2.00 pm

Lunchtime Live

40 minutes of live music performed by talented musicians with a focus on organ recitals - Free (£5 donation invited)

Saturday 12 September, 6.00 – 7.30 pm

Celebrity Organ Recital with David Briggs, Artist in Residence at the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York - Tickets: £18

Friday 16 October, 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Lead Kindly Light: The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage

Music from the Spanish Renaissance plus work by James MacMillan and Kerensa Briggs - Tickets: £6 - £30

www.hexhamabbey.org.uk

Durham Cathedral

Wednesday 23 September, 7.00 pm

Organ recital by Daniel Cook

Tickets: £12 (concessions available) www.durhamcathedral.co.uk

The Glasshouse Gateshead

Saturday 19 September, 7.00 pm

The Royal Northern Sinfonia and Chorus with soloists perform Mozart's 'Cosi Fan Tutte'

Tickets: £5 - £53

Saturday 26 September, 7.00 pm Sage Two

The Royal Northern Sinfonia perform music by Lully, Holst, Bruch and Meyer.

Tickets: £5 - £26

www.theglasshouseicm.org

From the Parish Register



Holy Baptism

23 August Annabel Mary Smith and Emily Louise Smith

May they grow in following Christ

Marriage

25 July Philip Corr and Rebecca Hambleton

8 August Elizabeth Thompson and Adam Forster (Ripon Cathedral)

*Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts
and a crown upon their heads*

Memorial Service

12 August Dorothy May Jenkins nee Almond

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace

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