Durham North Team – Staying Connected Bulletin

Sunday 8th November 2026 – Remembrance Sunday



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SUNDAY READINGS:
Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16, 1 Thessalonians 4.13–end, Matthew 25.1–13

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Let us pray[1]

Loving God, we give thanks for all those who have served in times of war, for their courage, their sacrifice and their willingness to put the lives of others before their own. We remember especially those who lost their lives, and those whose lives were changed forever by the horrors of conflict.

We give thanks for the peace and freedom we enjoy today, remembering that these came at a great cost. Help us never to take them for granted.

We pray for all who continue to suffer because of war: for those who have lost loved ones, for the injured and disabled, for families forced to flee their homes, and especially for children growing up in fear and uncertainty. Where there is suffering, bring comfort; where there is injustice, bring hope; and where there is hatred, sow the seeds of reconciliation.

Lord, we know that remembering the past is not enough. Help us to learn from its mistakes and to work for a future in which differences are resolved through understanding rather than violence. Guide the leaders of nations, strengthen those who work for peace, and give us the courage to be peacemakers in our own communities.

When the troubles of the world seem overwhelming, remind us that even in the darkest times your love remains. Through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have given us the promise of new life and the hope that darkness will never have the final word.

May our remembrance lead us to gratitude, our gratitude to compassion, and our compassion to action. We remember those who have gone before us, we pray for those who suffer today, and we commit ourselves to building a more peaceful world for generations yet to come.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.
https://www.rootsforchurches.com/seasons-and-festivals/festivals/remembrance/resources-for-marking-remembrance-sunday-and-other-times-of-commemoration/prayers/remembrance-sunday-prayers

[1] [1] NEED A PRAYER? We are here to pray for you.
Email durhamnorthteam@gmail.com or ring the Vicar 0794 774 1517

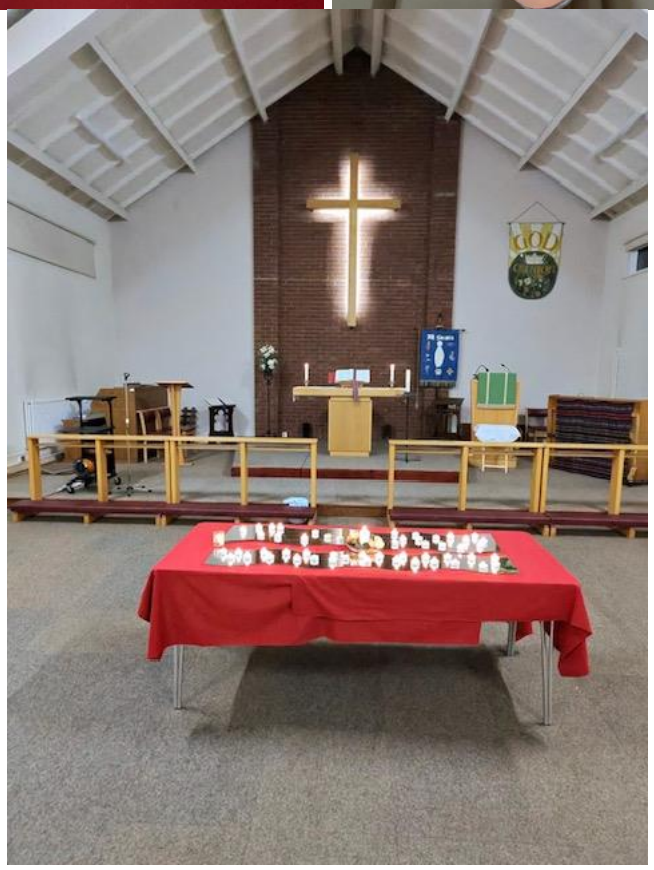
Bereavement Service at All Saints, Newton Hall

Revd. Graham Peaden led a very quiet & reflective afternoon memorial service on Sunday 1st November when congregation guests gathered to remember loved ones who have passed away. There were prayers, hymns & readings. Then names of loved ones were read out with the lighting of votive candles. A moving but at the same time an uplifting service. Guests were warmly invited to stay for tea & coffee afterwards.

Diane Elsom







Thought for the Day – (Courtesy of BBC radio 4)
Follow the link to hear or read the topical 'thoughts' https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00szxv6/clips

Church of England Lesser Festivals – Courtesy of 'Exciting Holiness'

6th Nov Leonard the Hermit	**6th Nov** William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury	**7th Nov** Willibrord of York, Apostle of Frisia	**8th Nov** The Saints & Martyrs of England	**9th Nov** Margery Kempe, Mystic	**10th Nov** Leo the Great	**11th Nov** Martin, Bishop of Tours

St Martin of Tours – 11 November
Patron Saint of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade

St Martin of Tours, whose feast day falls on 11 November, has a special connection for our team through the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade at St Aidan's.

Born in the fourth century, Martin served as a Roman soldier before becoming a Christian monk and eventually Bishop of Tours in France. He is best remembered for an act of kindness. One bitterly cold day, he encountered a poorly clothed beggar and, having nothing else to give, cut his military cloak in two, sharing half with the man. According to tradition, that night Martin dreamed of Jesus wearing the cloak he had given away.



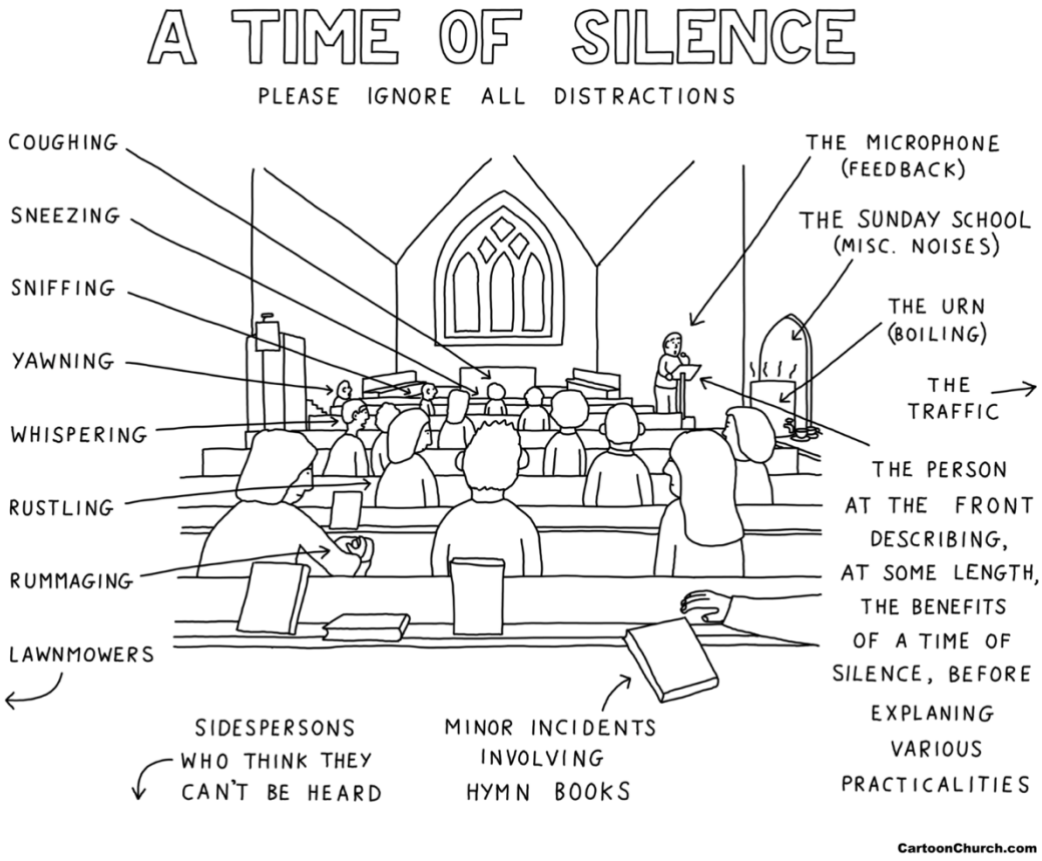
St Martin became the patron saint of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade, whose work encourages young people to develop their faith, friendships, confidence and concern for others. The Church Lads' Brigade was founded on St Martin's Day, 11 November 1891, and the youngest members of today's Brigade are known as the *Martins*.

There is also a connection with Remembrance Day. In 1921 the Church Lads' Brigade presented a banner depicting St Martin to Westminster Abbey in memory of members who had lost their lives during the First World War.

As we remember St Martin on 11 November, we can also give thanks for the generations of young people and volunteer leaders who have been part of the Brigade, including those in our own parish. His example reminds us that even a simple act of kindness can make a difference to another person's life.



This week the children at Brigade learnt about poppies ahead of Remembrance Sunday. Did you know there are more than red poppies used to commemorate different groups of people and animals? Well, they do now and they helped create a display to show everyone in the church hall on Sunday.



Dave Walker Cartoons

"Christmas Shoeboxes'

22 shoeboxes on their way to Carrville Methodist Church to be blessed before their long journey.

A big Thankyou to Aidans Kitchen for their kind contribution to the postage. **Valerie Richardson**



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

Team Eco Group

600,000 Trees for County Durham's Future

An ambitious woodland project in County Durham is helping to create a greener future for generations to come. At Greencroft Forest Park, plans are under way to establish almost 300 hectares of new woodland, with around 600,000 trees representing 31 different species. The project is part of the wider work of the North East Community Forest, which aims to increase woodland cover, improve habitats for wildlife and help communities enjoy the many benefits of trees. Woodlands provide homes for birds, insects and mammals, absorb carbon dioxide, help manage rainfall and improve the landscape. They also offer places where people can walk, enjoy nature and find peace away from the pressures of everyday life. Of course, trees take many years to mature. Those being planted today may provide shade and shelter for people who have not yet been born. It is a wonderful example of caring for future generations. https://www.northeastcommunityforest.org.uk/forest-creation-begins-at-greencroft-forest-park-in-county-durham/ The Bible frequently uses trees as symbols of life, growth and hope. In caring for the natural world, we are reminded of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation.

Remembering the Environment in Times of War - Friday 6 November:
International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, our thoughts naturally turn to those who have lost their lives in war, those who have suffered injury and those whose families and communities have been changed forever. But war also leaves another, sometimes overlooked, legacy: the damage it causes to the natural world. Forests are destroyed, farmland becomes unusable, rivers and water supplies are polluted, and wildlife habitats are lost. Even after fighting has ended, environmental damage can affect communities for many years, making it harder for people to rebuild their lives.

Each year, on 6 November, the United Nations draws attention to the importance of protecting the environment during armed conflict. It is a reminder that peace is about more than the absence of fighting. It is also about creating conditions in which people, communities and the natural world can flourish. **Source:** United Nations – International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers and to care for God's creation. This Remembrance season, perhaps we can include the healing of the earth among our prayers for peace.

The paths in the churchyard at St. Cuthbert's are re appearing!
Thank you to the Community Payback Team.





Trustees Week 9th – 13th November

Trustees Week provides an opportunity to celebrate and thank everyone in our team who is a member of a PCC. Thank you for the time, commitment and effort you bring to your parish.

The Charity Commission has produced two quizzes to test your trustee knowledge!
The quizzes take around three minutes to complete, and results are anonymous.
Complete the Trustee Quizzes here

Refresh your Knowledge with the Charity Commission 5 Minute Guides
Whether you're an experienced trustee (PCC member) or new to the role, the Charity Commission's 5-minute guides are a handy way to help you be sure of your responsibilities and confident you're doing the right thing for your charity. The guides cover the basics of charity governance that all trustees should be familiar with:

- Delivering purpose
- Managing conflicts of interest
- Reporting information
- Safeguarding people
- Making decisions
- Managing finances

Read the guides or watch the Charity Commission's series of short videos

Ending Homelessness



The Bishop of Hull, Eleanor Sanderson, joined the Chief Executive of Church Urban Fund, the Rt Rev Rob Wickham, (pictured with Bishop Eleanor) and other faith representatives at the Rough Sleeping Summit hosted in Downing Street on 26th October.

The event brought together businesses, charities, civil society organisations and local leaders, to commit to local and national action to end rough sleeping through the provision of homes, jobs and practical support.

Ending rough sleeping was the Prime Minister's first pledge when he entered Downing Street, and he announced a further £432 million yesterday to be set out in the Budget later this week, towards this goal.

Speaking after the summit, Bishop Eleanor emphasised the collaborative work necessary to tackle homelessness. She added that she had been 'encouraged' by the affirmation at the summit of the unique role of faith communities in providing wrap around care and support to people who are homeless.

"It was a great joy to spend the day in Downing Street with so many people who are passionate about ending rough sleeping in our country and committed to long term sustainable change," she said. Breaking the cycle of homelessness will require ambition, determination and creative thinking from across society.

"These were the commitments that came together in this summit and were undergirded by a 'names not numbers' approach; real relationships, real people and trying to work together for real solutions.
"I am humbled and inspired by the vital contribution that churches make to this effort. Rooted in a biblical mandate for justice, churches host drop-in spaces, run night shelters, provide supportive accommodation and find creative ways to use their buildings and surplus land for affordable housing. "This ministry fosters hope, dignity and a sense of belonging for everyone in our communities." Figures from the Church of England's 2022 Statistics for Mission show 1,354 churches in the Church of England either run, support or host winter night shelters - around 10 per cent of all Church of England churches. The Church of England is also active in a growing movement of churches exploring how to respond to the wider housing crisis and lack of decent affordable homes.

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Facts & Figures:

From **July to September 2026**, we provided emergency food & toiletry supplies to a total of **2,350** people across our Durham foodbank network. We helped **1,674** adults and **676** children.

We currently have a total of **34 Foodbanks** across Sunderland & County Durham.

News:

You might be eligible for benefits and support, but be wary of companies charging fees to help you apply. These can take up to half the money you're owed.

Claiming benefits should never cost you anything! Visit the *Claiming your benefits is free* website for free trusted support, or contact local organisations like Citizens Advice, Groundwork, CDMAC and DCCS.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Appeal: Christmas is a time for giving, sharing and spending time with loved ones. But while many of us look forward to celebrating, it's also a reminder that not everyone in our community has enough to enjoy the festive season.

That's why alongside our usual food parcel essentials, we like to provide an extra-special parcel at Christmas, filled with festive treats to spread a little extra cheer.

Christmas Hamper Donations needed by Friday 4th December: Selection boxes, mince pies, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, chocolates, biscuits, tinned salmon, tinned ham, savoury nibbles, sweets and Christmas crackers.

Additional News:

From **July to September 2026**, **County Durham Money Advice Centre** has helped clients manage **£588,237** of debt and secured **£39,401** in additional income, making a real difference in people's lives.

Worried about your water bill? Northumbrian Water offers support for people struggling with bills, including those on low incomes, larger families and people with additional needs. Find out what help is available and check your eligibility: https://www.nwl.co.uk/support

Worried about loan sharks or someone lending money illegally? You can report a loan shark safely and confidentially through **Stop Loan Sharks**. You don't need to have borrowed money yourself to report your concerns. Find out more at: https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/

Shortage Items:

We're currently in need of **long-life fruit juice, tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, tinned potatoes, jam/preserves, coffee, toiletries and carrier bags.**



THANK YOU, AS ALWAYS FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.

www.durhamfoodbank.org.uk



For Your Calendar

MORNING PRAYER (8.30am Tuesday and Wednesday) ST AIDAN'S
MIDWEEK EUCHARIST 10am Thursday at St AIDAN'S
MIDWEEK EUCHARIST (BCP) 9.15am Thursday – at ALL SAINTS, LANGLEY PARK

DURHAM NORTH TEAM

Mother's Union

- 10th November at 11.00 a.m. Prayer time at All Saints Church, Newton Hall

Safeguarding Sunday, 15 November: register now
Registration is now open for Safeguarding Sunday which will take place on 15 November. This year's theme is Love Protects, helping churches explore safeguarding as an expression of care, protection and love. Resources, including service-planning materials and ready-to-use content, are available when you register.

St Michael and All Angels Parish – Esh and Hamsteels

A service of Parish Communion held on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of each month at 9am

On the first Sunday of the month at St Michael and All Angels' Church, Esh we have an all-age service in the school across the road from the Church at 10.45am. The service includes activities for the young and young at heart, and is followed by refreshments. On the third Sunday of the month a service of Parish Communion is held in church at 10.45am.

Saturday 7th November at 7 pm - The Ushaw Chapel choir will perform a concert for Remembrance with the Esh and Bearpark brass band in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Tickets available online.

Sunday 8th November: 9am Remembrance Sunday Service.

St Michael's and All Angels Parish, Witton Gilbert and Sacriston

Every Monday 9.30 – 12.00 midday	Men's Shed (inc closed counselling group)	St Michael's
Every Tuesday 3 pm	Wool Craft	St Michael's
Every Wednesday 10 – 11.30am	The Nest Toddler and Baby Group (Term time only)	St Michael's
Every Wednesday 12.00 midday – 1.00pm	Get Active	Sacriston Methodist Chapel
Every Wednesday 1.45 – 3.00pm	Seated Get Active	Cooper Hall, Witton Gilbert
Every Thursday 10am – 4pm	Welcome Space every Thursday 10am to 4pm - Snacks and things to do. Come along and find out.	St Michael's
Every Friday 1 – 3pm	Folk singing	St Michael's

Sunday 8th November: 9.15am Remembrance Sunday, followed by service at the War Memorial

AIDAN'S KITCHEN

A weekly drop-in, every Thursday at 10am in the Parish Hall, Framwellgate Moor (DH1 5BL) A warm welcome where you can get a cuppa, enjoy a chat and maybe even a bacon butty

Everyone is Welcome – we would love to see friends from other churches in our team. Also, if you are attending the midweek service at St Aidan's, join us for a cuppa afterwards.

St Cuthbert's with St Aidan's Parish			
Home Communion - If you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Home Communion, please contact June and John Kirby for St Aidan's 01913869288 or Alison Blackburn for St. Cuthbert's 07980285837. If you know of anyone who might like this, please ask them, and then let us know.			
Monday 16th Nov 2pm	**Mothers' Union** **Speaker – Rev Meg Gilley - All Welcome**		St Aidan's Church Hall
Every Tuesday 10am - 11:30	**Bumps and Babies group** £1.50 (free for bumps) Book online https://linktr.ee/durhamnct or just turn up		Community Room at St. Cuthbert's
Every Wednesday 5.45pm	BCP Sung Evensong **University Term Time Only with the Hild Bede Chapel Choir** **All Welcome**		St Cuthbert's
Every Thursday 10am	**Aidan's Kitchen -** All welcome, come and join us for a cuppa, a bacon butty and a chat		St Aidan's Church Hall
Every Thursday 10am	**Midweek Communion Service – All Welcome.** Please join us afterwards for a cuppa and company at Aidan's Kitchen		St Aidan's
Sunday 8th November – The Remembrance Day service at St Cuthbert's will start at **10.45am**			
Sunday 15th November	The 9.15am service will include the dedication of two memorial benches for: Arthur & Barbara Dews George & Joyce Brown		St Aidan's
Sunday 29th November 2 - 4 pm	**The College of St Hild & St Bede present their Angel Festival and Christmas Fair** **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE**		St Cuthbert's



Dear Supporters of St Cuthbert's & St Aidan's - Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching, and we need your help to make it a great success! The Fair will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 28th November, starting at 10am. Father Christmas will arrive at 10.30am, and the raffle will be drawn at 12 noon.

We would be very grateful for donations for the stalls. In particular, we are looking for:

- Cake Stall: Homemade cakes, biscuits, scones, jams and other goodies. Items can be brought on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.
- Flower Stall: Winter-flowering bulbs and seasonal plants.
- Mothers' Union: Toiletries to make up attractive gift bags.
- Raffle: Items for our Christmas hampers – suggestions see below
- Bottle Tombola: Bottles of all kinds, alcoholic or non-alcoholic.
- Chocolate Tombola: Chocolates, sweets, chocolate bars and boxes of chocolates.
- Bric-a-Brac: Good-quality, clean items that someone else might enjoy. Unsold items will be donated to a charity shop.

Every donation, large or small, will make a difference! You can leave donations in church or bring them to Aidan's Kitchen on a Thursday morning. We will be setting up the hall from 2pm on Friday 27th November – so if you wish you can bring donations then as well.

Please also help by telling friends, family and neighbours about the Fair and encouraging them to come along.

Thank you for your generosity and support. With everyone's help, we can make this a really enjoyable and successful Christmas Fair for our parish and local community.

Bonbons	Boxes of biscuits	Cakes	Chocolates
Chutney	Coffee	Fizz	Gin
Hot Chocolate	Jam	Marshmallows	Matchsticks
Mince pies	Non-alcoholic wine	Panettone	Pickles

St Philip and St James Parish – Kimblesworth
Mothers' Union, Every First Tuesday at 1:30 pm All Welcome
Sunday 8th November: 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service.

All Saints Parish, Langley Park, Quebec Street DH7 9UU
Sunday services 10.15am, usually Holy Communion, with refreshments afterwards.
Thursday 9.15am. Holy Communion.
Coffee mornings with Raffles Tombola and excellent refreshments, every second Saturday of the month in the Miners Institute, Quebec St. All Welcome. Next one
Sunday 8th November: 10.15am Remembrance Sunday Service followed by Act of Remembrance at Langley Park War Memorial at 10.50am (approx)
Wednesday 2nd December 7.00pm: Vacancy Audit - VAP PCC meeting in church.

All Saints Parish Newton Hall

Men's Group

1st Wednesday of the month beginning on Wednesday 4th November at 7pm - 9pm.
We also have use of the kitchen so we will have coffee/tea and biscuits. All men are welcome!
Graham Peaden

Community Lunch – Update – All Saints Newton Hall

The annual Community Lunch is now confirmed for Friday 11th December 2026 at 12.30pm.

This year New College Durham is responsible for the organisation and the catering. Blue Coat School will be providing the entertainment as in previous years. And as ever we are thankful for our local councilors for providing the money and the Co-op for providing the mince pies. Invitations will be coming out shortly and this year it will be a ticketed event with a strict limit on numbers.

John Fairbairn

'All Saints' Church
Christmas Tree Festival
2026



Saturday November 28th

The long awaited 'All Saints' Christmas Tree Festival will take place from Saturday November 28th until Sunday December 6th.
The church will be open for viewing: Saturday November 28th: 2pm-4pm, when the outside Christmas Tree lights will be switched on, accompanied by carols from Lumley Community Brass Band.
Sunday November 29th: 3pm-5pm; Tuesday December 1st: 3pm-6pm; Thursday December 3rd: 3pm-6pm - all with tea/coffee and seasonal delights.
The Festival ends with 'Cafe Church' on Sunday December 6th at 10.45am.
All proceeds will go to church funds.



Saturday Coffee Mornings - All Saints Newton Hall 10am - 12pm

Date	Coffee Morning	Host
November 7th	Leprosy Mission	Tracey
November 14th	Gardendale School Uganda	Cristina Frattini
November 21st	WI charity tbc	Newton Hall WI
November 28th	Integrating Children	Kathryn
December 5th	RSPB	Wendy & team
December 12th	Kimblesworth Church	Bob Kirton Darling
December 19th	Cheesy Waffles	Theresa Graham Sam
December 26th	**No Coffee Morning**	

Coffee morning bookings are available for anyone to host for charity fundraising

Contact Diane & Marion:
worship@allsaintsnewtonhall.org.uk
07968 270 611

There's no charge to hire the hall & kitchen but a donation to church funds to cover our utilities would be very much appreciated.

Please remember to bring your own tea towels.

'Christmas in a box' Wed. 2nd. Thur. 3rd & Fri. 4th December 2026
All Saints, Newton Hall

It's that time of year again when we organise & plan telling the Christmas Story in church to children from our local schools. We will offer morning & afternoon sessions in December.
What's involved for church team & Volunteers?

- Setting the scene - volunteers prepare church for the story to be told (gazebo etc)
- Volunteers to put the crafts together for the children to do
- Packing artefacts for each part of the story into 6 shoeboxes
- Storytellers (Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise Men) to unpack each shoebox & tell the story to groups of 6-8 children in year 2 for each session. Each little craft activity will help the children to put together their own mini nativity.
- Refreshment team of two volunteers in the kitchen to serve juice and biscuits in the interval
- Packing away & clearing up on the last day

We're looking for willing volunteers who can give their time to offer the Christmas in a Box experience to our local school children. You're guaranteed to enjoy it too!



There'll be a sign-up sheet at the back of church/ trellis so many thanks in advance to all who volunteer or email worship@allsaintsnewtonhall.org.uk

Diane Elsom

Christmas Crafts Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th Nov 2026 10-12pm



Proceeds to go to Leprosy Mission, Aglow and church.

(Hosted by Tracey Rowell, family and friends.)

Handmade Christmas gifts and decorations for sale.

Homemade jams, chutneys and sweet mincemeat.

Tombola.

Usual teas, coffees and cakes.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Framwellgate Moor Youth & Community Centre

The Wellbeing events at the Community Centre are on Tuesday (from 10 am to 2 pm) with a mixture of Crafting, Exercise and Social activities. All are welcome, but booking may be required for some of the crafting activities. Light refreshments are available. Enquiries, please phone Carol Mon-Fri 9am-1pm on 0191 3863356, email framyca@gmail.com or call into the office

Framwellgate Moor and Pity Me Local History Society - Meetings will be on a Thursday (usually the last Thursday of the month) Framwellgate Moor Community Centre DH1 5BL. Doors 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Teas and coffees after the talk. Please use the rear door from the car park. Free to members.

Lunch Stop at Elvet Methodist Church
Wednesdays at 12 noon A hearty lunch for £5!

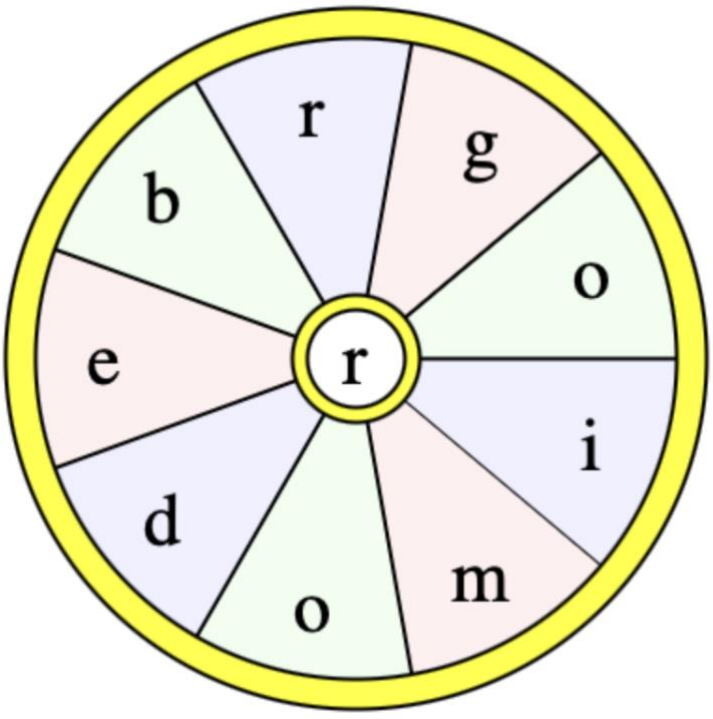
Wed 9th December will be Christmas Lunch
You will need a ticket
More information from Sue Mein - suemein690@gmail.com



Puzzle Page – The word search and word wheel this week are based on the gospel reading

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A M S R E E I R W E P S E E R
U A U K D U E X L Q I Y N H I
B L Q D I T Q A I L D E L T M
Y R I B T N Y N O U E F I I M
B N I E W E G O A W A E O E E
G H B D D F F D O B L J U N D
B R I D E G R O O M E T E X A
S L E P T S E H M M R V C F R
K G V H O Z M J G Y S W O R D
S E K A W A A A K U N I T L R
A V R R X J C B I G O U S A Y
L N H E A V E N Q D O N T M I
F B Y I H A B A O H S X E P S
T H G I N D I M S K Y U E S Y

Wedding
Awake
Banquet
Became
Better
Bridegroom
Bridesmaids
Dealers
Delayed
Drowsy
Enough
Flasks
Foolish
Heaven
Kingdom
Lamps
Midnight
Neither
Shout
Slept
Trimmed
Truly



WORD WHEEL - Make as many words as you can, using the ten letters in the wheel. All words should contain the letter in the centre and there is at least one ten-letter word.



General Knowledge

1. Which British scientist is credited with discovering the neutron in 1932?
2. What is the capital city of Slovenia?
3. Which precious stone is traditionally associated with a 40th wedding anniversary?
4. What is the name of the imaginary line at zero degrees longitude?
5. Which famous British explorer disappeared while attempting to climb Mount Everest in 1924?

Food and Drink

1. Which Italian dessert takes its name from a phrase meaning ‘pick me up’?
2. What type of fruit is a Conference?
3. Which spice is obtained from the dried flower buds of a tropical tree?
4. What is the principal ingredient of the Middle Eastern dish hummus?
5. Which French cheese is traditionally made from sheep’s milk and matured in limestone caves?

Television and Entertainment

1. What was the name of the prison in the television comedy Porridge?
2. Which actress played Jean Pargetter in As Time Goes By?
3. Who composed the music for the film Chariots of Fire?
4. Which actor played the title role in the television detective series A Touch of Frost?
5. In which West Yorkshire town was the television comedy Last of the Sum mer Wine principally filmed?

History and the North East

1. Which saint is traditionally associated with the founding of the monastery on Lindisfarne in AD 635?
2. In which year did the Stockton and Darlington Railway open, becoming the world's first public railway to use steam locomotives?
3. Which famous railway engineer was born in Wylam, Northumberland, in 1781?
4. Which County Durham town was the birthplace of the artist and illustrator Norman Cornish?
5. Which famous North East inventor demonstrated his electric light bulb at a public lecture in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1879?

Nature and the Countryside

1. Which British bird is known for laying its eggs in the nests of other birds?
2. What is the common name of the tree whose scientific name is Quercus Robur?
3. Which mammal is the only one capable of true sustained flight?
4. What name is given to the seasonal movement of animals from one region to another?
5. Which British wildflower is also commonly known as the cuckoo flower?



Q4 Sunday Lectionary – October to December 2026

Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Sunday Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16, 1 Thessalonians 4.13–end, Matthew 25.1–13	Red/Green
Sunday 15th November	2 before Advent Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end, 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11, Matthew 25.14–30	Red/Green
Sunday 22nd November	Christ the King Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24, Ephesians 1.15–end, Matthew 25.31–end	Red/White
Sunday 29th November	1st Sunday of Advent Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37	Purple
Sunday 6th December	2nd Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8	Purple
Sunday 13th December	3rd Sunday of Advent Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8,19-28	Purple
Sunday 20th December	4th Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38	Purple
Sunday 27th December	Christmas 1 Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21	White

Q4 Rota

DNTM Q4 ROTA OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY		4th October	11th October	18th October	25th October	1st November	8th November	15th November	22nd November	29th November	6th December	13th December	20th December	27th December
		Trinity 18/Harvest Festival at K&WG	Harvest Festival at C&A/ Trinity 19	Trinity 20	Last after Trinity	All Saints Day	Remembrance Sunday	2 Before Advent	Christ the King	1st Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent	1st Sunday after Christmas
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
Holiday/NA		MG, AMW	MG, AMW	MG, AMW, PJ	BJ, AMW, PJ	AMW		PJ			KA, AMW		AMW	
St Aidan Framwellgate	9:15 am	KA*	BJ	BJ	MP	AB*	BJ	MP	AMW	MG	AB*	MP	BJ	AMW
	4.00 PM													
St Cuthbert North End	8:00 am	MP	BJ	MP	MP	BJ	BJ	MP	BJ	BJ	MG	MP	MG	MP
	11.00AM	KA*	ME	BJ	ME	AB*	ME	tbc/Cathedral?	ME	MG	AB*	MP	BJ	BJ
Newton Hall	10.45AM	PJ	GP	EMMA	PB	PB	JS	MP	GP	NW	PJ	GP	PB	GP
Witton Gilbert	9:15 am	MP	PJ*	MP	TBC	MP	KA*	AMW	MP	BJ	MP	PJ*	MP	BJ
Kimblesworth	10.45AM	MP	PJ*	MP	MP	MG	PJ*	AMW	MP	tbc/Cathedral?	MG	KA*	MP	AMW
Esh & Hamsteels	9.00 AM		MP	DB	MG		MP	BJ	DB	MP		BJ	DB	
	10.45AM	AB*				MP*					MP*			
Langley Park	10.15AM	BJ	MP	AB*	MG	BJ	MP	BJ	BJ	MP	BJ	BJ	MG	MP
		*M Worship	*M Worship			*M Worship	*MWorship				*M Worship	*M Worship		

Michael Peers	
Bill Jackson	On holiday 16th to 27th October
Meg Gilley	N/A October 4,11,18 Just a reminder - I can only offer 2 Sundays a month.
Karen Abbott	NA 6th December, I agreed to lead the service at the Cenotaph in Witton Gilbert
Pauline James	N/A 18th 25th October, 15th November
Alison Blackburn	✓
Paul Beetham	
G Peaden	
Marie Edwards	
Naomi Walker	

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Contact Marion and Diane worship@allsaintsnewtonhall.org.uk. 07968270611 or 07949126219

Answers
General Knowledge – James Chadwick, Ljubljana, Ruby, Prime Meridian (Greenwich Meridian), George Mallory
Food and Drink – Tiramisu, Pear, Cloves, Chickpeas, Roquefort
Television and Entertainment – Slade Prison, Judi Dench, Vangelis, David Jason, Holmfirth
History and the North East - St Aidan, 1825, George Stephenson, Spennymoor, Joseph Swan
Nature and the Countryside – Cuckoo, English oak, Bat, Migration, Lady's smock