



St Bartholomew



Holy Trinity



St John the Baptist

CLUWES – NEWS

News from the parish churches of **C**resswell, **L**ynemouth, **U**lgham, **W**iddrington,
Widdrington Station, **E**llington and **S**tobswood

A View from the Pews

September 2026

September is an odd in-between month: no longer summer, but neither yet autumn. It's almost like we are waiting for something... As Christians we are always waiting with great hope for something good. And this year, for the first time, the Church of England has decided to mark this great hope with **a new feast: Creation in Christ** – to be celebrated on the first Sunday of September. With this celebration we are reminded that all of life (human, animal and plant and beyond) is created through Christ, the Word of God. And that means that we belong all together and that we have responsibility for one another.

We will start our celebration a week early in our joint service and continue the feast to 6 September, culminating in our thanksgiving service for our pet friends at 4pm at Cresswell church. Come along and celebrate with us!

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Wondering at Creation.

By Paula Darkin

There is something deeply refreshing about taking time to notice the world around us. In the rush and noise of everyday life, it can be easy to forget that creation is all around us — the changing seasons, birdsong in the morning, sunlight through the trees, the sound of rain, and the simple beauty of a flower opening.

The Bible begins with these words: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” *Genesis 1:1*

Creation reminds us that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. We are not simply passing through a world that belongs to us; we are invited to receive it as a gift, to care for it and to give thanks for the One who made it.

The Psalmist writes:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” *Psalms 19:1*

How often do we stop and listen to what creation is saying? A sunrise speaks of new beginnings. The changing seasons remind us that life has rhythms of growth, rest, letting go and renewal. Even the smallest things — a leaf, a seed, a bird in flight — can turn our attention towards God.

Jesus encourages us to look closely at creation too:

“Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” *Matthew 6:26*

Perhaps there is an invitation here for us. To slow down. To notice. To give thanks. And to trust.

Creation also reminds us of our responsibility. In Genesis, humanity is entrusted with the care of the earth. We are called not simply to admire creation, but to nurture it and protect it for generations to come. Caring for our environment, our local places and our communities can therefore become an expression of our faith.

And perhaps this is where creation connects beautifully with community. Just as every part of creation has its place and purpose, so every person has a place and a part to play. We are wonderfully different, yet

connected. When we care for one another, we reflect something of the Creator's love.

As we go through the coming weeks, may we make time to notice the beauty around us. May we find God in the ordinary things we sometimes overlook. And may creation inspire us not only to worship, but also to care — for the earth, for our neighbours and for one another.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome

“Fear not, I have called you by your name, you are mine” Isaiah 43.1

In August we celebrated the baptisms of Stanley Butler, Joey Morrison, Freya and Harrison Sturgeon and Harper-Mae Harrison. May they be blessed as they begin their journey of faith together with their parents and godparents.

Farewell

“Nothing can separate from the love of God” Romans 8.38

In August we remembered with gratitude the lives of all who have died. We may no longer see them but their influence on our lives is still felt. May they rest in peace in God's sure embrace.

Godspeed

“Those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them” John 4.16

In August we celebrated the wedding of:

Megan Leighton and Jay Pearson

May they be richly blessed in their new lives together.

Whats on in September

	Cresswell	Widdrington	Ulgham
6 Sept Creation in Christ	10.30am Morning Prayer 4pm: Pet Blessing Service	9.30 Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
13 Sept Trinity 15	10.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer
20 Sept Trinity 16	10am for 10.30am St Aidan's Sunday Informal worship at Lynemouth Institute	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
27 Sept Trinity 17	10.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer 4pm: Light Time Family Service	11am Morning Prayer

Other opportunities for prayer in community

in person:

Wednesdays: **9am** Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Widdrington

Saturdays: **5pm** Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity Widdrington
(first Saturday of the month: Holy Communion)

online:

Wednesdays: **8am** Morning Prayer on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/widdyandulghamchurchlife>

Saturdays: **8pm** Night Prayer on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/cresswellandlynemouthchurch/>

Community Events

- 1 Sept 5.30pm God Squad** - Lynemouth Institute conservatory
from 2 Sept 10-2pm inter-generational craft project,
ATAC community hall Widdrington Station
- 10 Sept 6.30pm Choir rehearsal** URC Widdrington
- 20 Sept 11-4pm: Creswell Pele Tower** - historic re-enactment day
4-6pm: Beyond Bingo, Lynemouth Institute –
a fun fundraiser for Beyond Youth
- 21 Sept 7pm Quiz Night** at Lynemouth Institute
- 24 Sept 6.30pm Choir rehearsal** URC Widdrington

Schools are back – and so are our **regular youth clubs:**

Thursdays at **Lynemouth** Pavilion with **Beyond Youth:**

4-5pm: for year 4-7

5.30-6.30pm: for year 7+

Fridays at ATAC Community centre in **Widdrington Station:**

5.15-6.45pm: 8-12 year-olds

7.15-8.30pm: 13+

If you would like to advertise an event or new community service,
please get in touch! We would love to hear from you.

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Pet thanksgiving and blessing service

Sunday, 6 September 2026, 4pm

meet at Cresswell church



BEYOND BINGO!

Have fun and raise money for local youth and children's work!

Duke's Secondary School

Friday 18th September

6:00-8:00pm

Lynemouth Miner's Institute

Saturday 19th September

4:00-6:00pm

Bar open!

Come to one or both! Suitable for all ages.



Get "BINGO" to take part in head to head competitions to win fantastic prizes donated by local businesses!

Suggested Donation: £5 per card

5 chances to win per card!

Message our social media to book or email beyonduyouth@newcastle.anglican.org

Lynemouth Miners Institute
Monthly Monday

QUIZ

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Monday 21st September 7 p.m.

£2 per person

Includes nibbles whilst you play

CASH PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM

In partnership with St. Bartholomew's Church

Bringing our community together

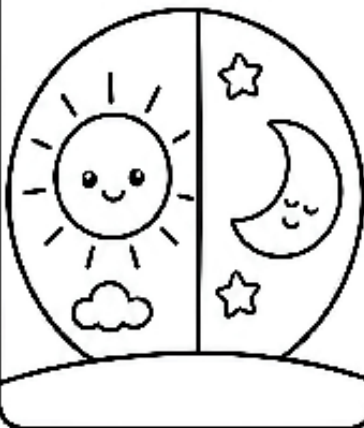
Colour Corner

7 DAYS OF CREATION

God Made Everything!

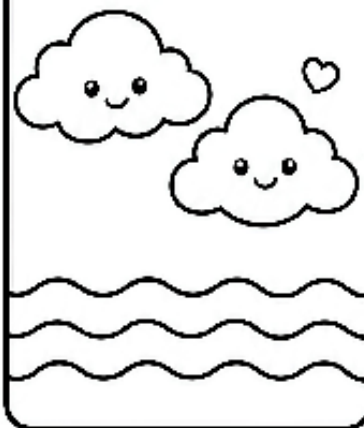
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Light and Darkness



DAY 2

Sky and Waters



DAY 3

Land, Grass,
Trees and Plants



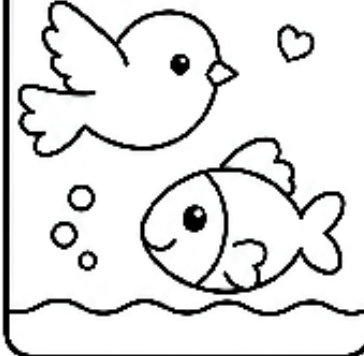
DAY 4

Sun, Moon
and Stars



DAY 5

Birds and Fish



DAY 6

People and Animals



DAY 7

God Rested

"On the seventh day
God rested from all His work."
Genesis 2:2

