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All Saints' Lanchester and St John's Burnhope

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8.00am Every Sunday Eucharist
(Traditional Language)

10.30am Principal Service
(Eucharist or Service of the Word)

2nd Sunday All Together Service with St John's

5th Sunday Combined Service see dates page

3rd Sunday 3.00pm Messy Church

Wednesdays 9.45am Holy Communion

Home Communion at Lynwood House

3rd Thursday of the month at 11.00am

HOLY BAPTISM, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

by arrangement with the Vicar

SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S, BURNHOPE

1st and 3rd Sunday 9.15am Said Eucharist

2nd Sunday All Together Service (at All Saints')

4th Sunday 9.15am Explore (informal exploration of a Bible passage and worship)

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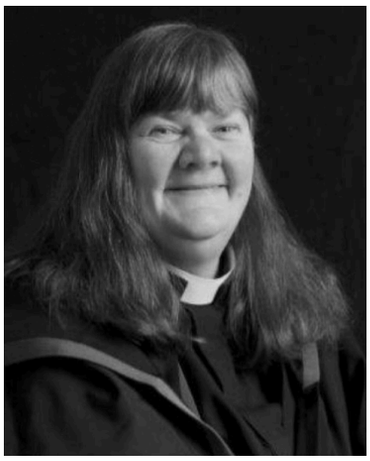
CHILDRENS GROUPS/ MESSY CHURCH
Caroline Roxburgh

Safeguarding Statement;

The Parish of Lanchester and Burnhope is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and nurturing environment for everyone, especially for children, young people and vulnerable adults. It has adopted and approved the Church of England policy for promoting a safer church. This policy deals with all aspects of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
As we are currently recruiting a Parish Safeguarding officer and Safeguarding Team Members, to discuss any safeguarding concerns relating to All Saints Lanchester or St John's Burnhope, in the first instance please contact:-

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Concerns can also be raised with the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer,
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How far is it to Bethlehem?
Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room
Lit by a star?
Can we see the little Child?
Is He within?
If we lift the wooden latch
May we go in?

One of the highlights of my first year at grammar school in 1972 was the school service of Nine Lessons and Carols hosted by our local church. It was a combination of rather serious music- our school had a full orchestra as well as a swing band, a choir and a madrigal group- and poetry. Readers were chosen to represent each year group, and as a first year I, with a friend, had the honour of reading Frances Chesterton (the wife of GK Chesterton)'s little poem above to open the evening. I remember the ancient, candle-lit church, full yet hushed as our best boy soprano stood at the door to sing the solo of 'Once in Royal David's City;' I remember the sense of awe, beauty and longing for a glimpse of the divine.

Written to insert in her Christmas cards in 1917, Frances Chesterton's poem asks a peculiar question, one that we all can ask ourselves and that I ask myself now, remembering: just how far is it to Bethlehem? How far are we from that sense of awe, beauty and longing as we anticipate Christmas 2026?

It's easy to feel that Christmas has lost its wonder. We are bombarded with all things Christmas in our engagements with the media almost as soon as summer is over. Once the tins of Roses and Quality Street appear in the supermarket on 1st September, we know that Christmas food isn't far behind. Online, the Christmas menus are all variations on seasonal favourites and remind us that we need to book early; and those of us responsible for worship begin to count on the fingers of both hands the number of carol services that we will plan and attend this year…

So for those who feel that Christmas has indeed lost its sense of wonder, we've planned something special. This year, Bethlehem is only as far away as our glorious church of All Saints, Lanchester, and you can join us all in travelling to the manger to see the Christ child.

On Advent Sunday at 3pm, we'll be putting together a huge nativity scene in our tower base, designed and made by members of our congregation. Scenes in our window niches will tell the story of Christmas, from the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary, to the wise men from the east visiting Jesus. And joining the journey will be the hundreds of peg portraits of us- people from Lanchester and Burnhope and our surrounding villages. You'll be able to see yourselves as part of that pilgrimage of wonder, part of the greatest story ever told.

And each Sunday at 3pm we'll have a service- a different slant on our search for meaning, for awe, beauty and wonder. They'll range from the story of St Nicholas (with lots of opportunities to sing jolly Christmas songs), to a service of Nine Lessons and Carols with Churches Together, to a Very Messy Nativity. We hope that each of them will give you a way in to that joy of Christmas that we'll never find in the ads and the emphasis on consumerism and self.

May we stroke the creatures there
Ox, ass, or sheep?
May we peep like them and see
Jesus asleep?

If we touch His tiny hand
Will he awake?
Will He know we've come so far
Just for His sake?

Continued over...

If you haven't yet made a peg portrait, come, and add yourself and those you love to our work of love. Come, and meet Jesus in Lanchester; God, out of love made man, sleeping peacefully and undisturbed.

God in His mother's arms
Babes in the byre
Sleep, as they sleep who find
Their heart's desire.

What is your heart's desire? What are you restless for? Is it possible that what you seek can be found nestled in a cradle made of wood and straw?
How far is your heart from Bethlehem?

Find out with us this Christmas…

With every blessing,

Lesley

All Saints and St John's need a Safeguarding officer/members of our safeguarding team!

One of the most popular and easily understood descriptions of Jesus is as the good shepherd; committed to looking after the sheep, whatever the danger might be. And before Jesus talks of himself as the shepherd, he says; 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full…' At the centre of our faith is the belief that each of us is unique, special, beloved of God and therefore deserving of protection, safety and the space in which to thrive.

And that's why the role of Safeguarding Officer/Team member is vitally important.

After our last PSO Sue Smith stood down, having done a fantastic job, we've looked again at safeguarding and have begun to put together a safeguarding team. We are looking for team members and for one person to be the initial point of contact - someone who loves people, ideally has a background involving safeguarding, and who is eager to keep everyone safe so that we can all reach our potential and flourish together.

Read on - and if you think you fit the profile, please do contact me,

Rev'd Lesley Sutherland, *reverendsutherland@gmail.com*

for a first instance chat and an application form.

Safeguarding is the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture and is a shared responsibility across our church communities, Diocese and nationally. Safeguarding promotes the protection and consideration of the welfare of our vulnerable especially children, young people and vulnerable adults. Together we strive to prevent abuse from occurring, seek to protect those that are at risk of being abused and respond well to those that have been abused. We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others, and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is the key link between the diocese and the parish concerning safeguarding matters. She/he will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy.
The role can be taken by one person or be shared; for example,
one person might cover children and the other vulnerable adults.

The key tasks of the parish safeguarding officer are to:

1. Have an overview of all church activities involving children and vulnerable adults and keep a record of these activities.

2. Be familiar with diocesan safeguarding guidance and ensure that leaders of activities are fully aware of, and are implementing, this guidance.

3 Liaise with the incumbent over safeguarding issues.

4. Keep in touch with the leaders of all activities and offer them advice and support over safeguarding matters.

5. Liaise as necessary with the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers. Report all concerns or allegations against church officers to the DSA.

6. Attend diocesan safeguarding training offered for PSOs.

7. Assist with safeguarding training in the parish as appropriate.

8. Attend a meeting of the church leadership team (PCC) at least annually to ensure safeguarding issues are discussed and that the church leadership adopt the annual Church Safeguarding Policy.

9. Ensure that the Church Safeguarding Policy and contact details are displayed in all Church premises.

10. Keep good records of any safeguarding concerns that may arise and ensure that others do the same.

11. Promote inclusivity in places of worship and within church activities.

12. Keep the church leadership informed of good safeguarding practice.

13.Undertake a regular parish safeguarding self-assessment in the format offered by the Diocese.

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https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/61d750a40a35a/content/pages/documents/diocese-safeguarding-policy-2025-final.pdf.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Mothers Union Lanchester

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday16th November at 2pm in the Chapter House, where we will have our very own Eric speaking on "Where did that phrase come from?"

As usual, we will finish with tea and biscuits. If you wish to join us, you will be made most welcome.

Margaret Brown
(Branch Leader)

100 Club

The October draw was made in the Chapter House.

The winning numbers were:
86, 25,22, 21, 70 and 36

Sue Smith

Mothers Union St John's

The Mothers' Union meeting will take place on Monday, 2 November 2.00pm at 10 West Terrace, Burnhope. Please contact the Secretary if you are unsure where this is. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to connect, share and support one another within our community. There is no speaker this month, but we will be organising our Christmas events. Don't forget, we have a 60s/70s Concert by Candlelight with vocalist Callum Harbottle, organised by the Burnhope Events Team. This will be held in St John's Church on Thursday, 19 November, with doors open at 6.00pm for a 7.00pm start. Tickets are £12. To book please contact 07538 595380.

It is with great sadness to write that Elva Hockaday, St John's MU Branch Leader, passed away at Abigail Lodge Care Home on Wednesday, 30 September. Elva had recently celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends. A MU member since March 2000, Elva will be greatly missed, not only for her generosity and kindness, but also for her commitment and willingness to serve the Burnhope community. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pauline Hall (Branch Secretary)

Elva Hockaday

My great friend and confidante passed away on Wednesday 30th September in Abigail Lodge. I used to go to her and tell her all my worries and fears, confident in the knowledge that they would go no further. She was a brilliant friend and, I am not afraid to say, I loved her. Elva was a true Burnhoper and a lovely lady. She loved living in Burnhope and lived for her family. They meant everything to her and always came first.

As her granddaughter said "Everyone should be a little more ` ELVA' – a little kinder, a little more loving, and a little more caring and the world would be a much better place".

She was one in a million, and I will miss her enormously.

Rest in peace, Elva

Doreen



From The Wardens

As ever, the Wardens continue to support Lesley in her ministry in the churches and beyond.

I certainly did not expect to be reporting again of another fire at All Saints but on Wednesday 16th September in the early morning we came to Church and the three bins recently replaced by the Council free of charge after much hassling had been set on fire again and were completely destroyed. Evidence of an accelerant was found nearby. The police, the Council and our local Councillor Alison Grey who has been most supportive since we have been experiencing problems, have all been involved. The perpetrator remains at large. We are waiting for the bins to be replaced and once again the Council wish to charge us for their renewal. Our stance is that the Church is a victim of criminal activity as are other areas of our village and we feel that the Council should replace them free of charge.

Autumn is now well and truly underway and leaf fall in the churchyard is starting to show. We unfortunately did not manage to have our churchyard tidy up at All Saints and intend to arrange a morning to carry this out, possibly the second Saturday in November. We would love to see some younger volunteers to assist please. Teas, coffee and scones will be available. Look out for notification on the pew sheet. St Johns hopefully will be the following Saturday

At St John's, we have noticed that sections of the front guttering are falling off. It was noticed at the Quinquennial visit that it wasn't in a good condition. Quotations for replacement are in hand

It was of great sadness to hear of the death of Elva Hockaday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rob Matthews

Tablecloths

We had our soup lunch today Tuesday 6th October. We were disappointed to find, when setting up the tables with the white cloths, that several of the cloths were unusable and, quite frankly, filthy This was despite the request for groups which use those cloths to ensure they are clean. It's not too much to ask groups to ensure that any soiled cloths are taken away, washed, and returned clean. It is easy for this to be overlooked and for them to be inadvertently put away when clearing up, but we would ask people to be more vigilant and help us out.

Thank You,

Rob Matthews

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee

Church Wives

On November 12th we have Alan Gibson talking about his visit to the King's coronation. It will be good to get such a personal account of the proceedings. Our meeting on the 26th November is just ourselves. We will, no doubt, have something sorted for the evening nearer the time.

Our December meeting, on the 10th, is our Christmas meal out. The venue to be decided. Visitors will be made very welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits are shared with lots of chatter.

We meet at 7pm in the Chapter House.

Deanna Leyland

Preparing St John's for the Winter

Preparing St John's Church for winter is an important responsibility. Cold weather, heavy rain, strong winds and shorter daylight hours can all place additional pressure on the Church and a unique set of challenges for the Churchwardens. Although preparing a church for winter has much in common with preparing a house, in a practical sense, St John's is larger, more complex and used by a greater number of people. It is not only a building but also a place of worship and a community activity space. For this reason, winter preparation requires careful planning, regular maintenance and consideration for the safety and comfort of everyone who uses it.

When preparing a house for winter, the main priorities are warmth, security and protection from damage. The same goes for the Church. Tasks include:

- inspecting the roof for loose tiles, autumn leaves and other debris that can clog gutters and downpipes forcing the water back up into the roof space;
- walking the churchyard regularly to check for damage to trees or for overhanging branches close to the church and cutting them back to ensure that melting snow can drain away from foundations;
- checking the stained-glass windows, which are prone to specific types of damage, moisture freezing and high winds; and
- checking doors, both for damage and security.

Unfortunately, the gutter running along the front elevation has come down and will need to be replaced; an expense we would rather not have.

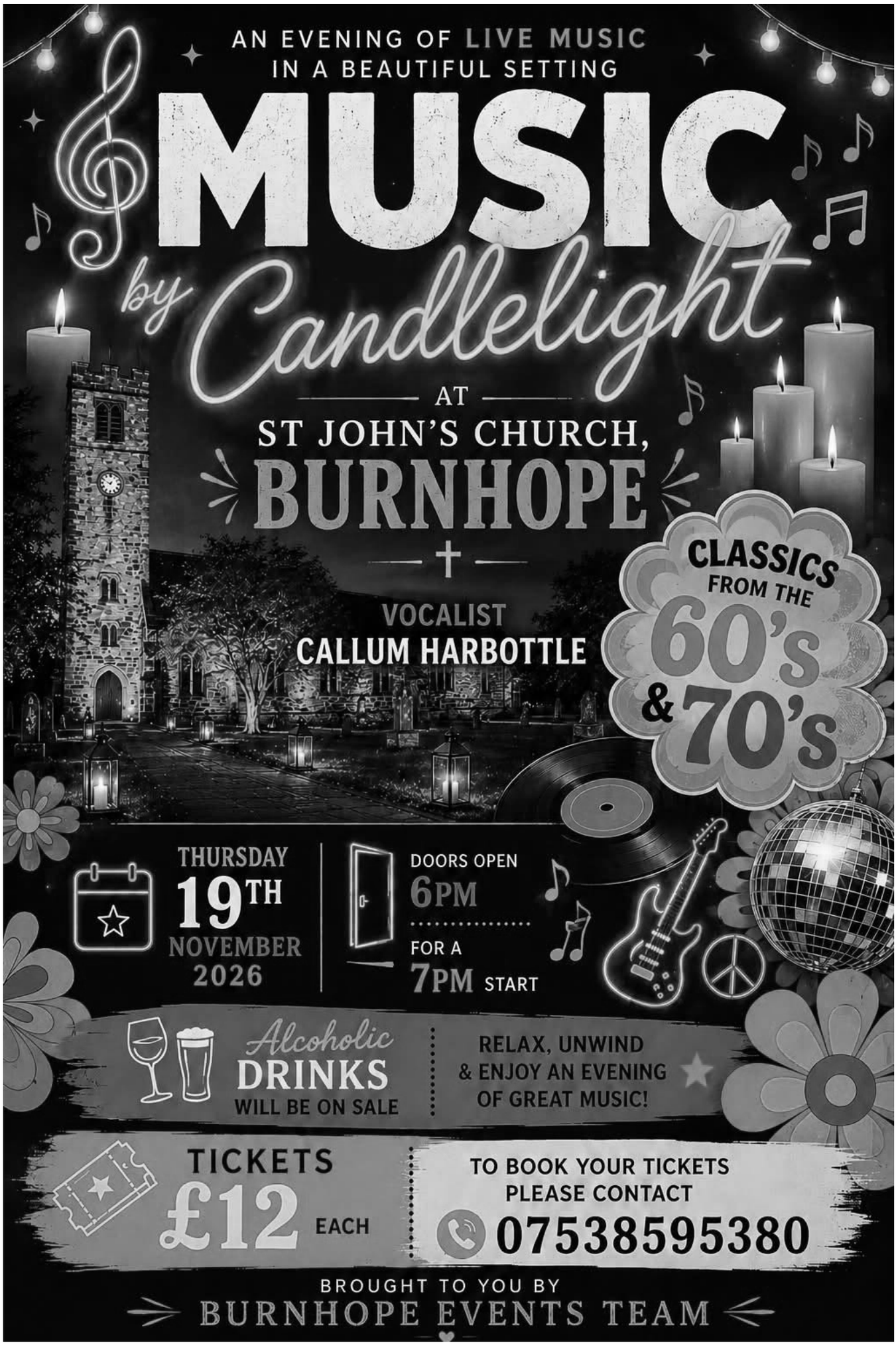


Heating is an important consideration. St John's has a high ceiling, stone walls and stained-glass windows. These make the church more difficult and expensive to heat. Our boiler is maintained and serviced and up to now has 'done us proud', reaching highs of 20oc and we have the photos to prove it!

Preparing a church for winter is not merely a matter of comfort; it is a critical act of stewardship. By proactively managing the building's exterior, heating system and safety protocols, we ensure that the church remains what it was always intended to be; a safe, warm, resilient beacon of community and faith, even in the depths of winter.

Pauline Hall

Churchwarden


AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC
IN A BEAUTIFUL SETTING
MUSIC
by Candlelight
AT
ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
BURNHOPE
VOCALIST
CALLUM HARBOTTLE
CLASSICS FROM THE 60's & 70's
THURSDAY
19TH
NOVEMBER
2026
DOORS OPEN
6PM
FOR A
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RELAX, UNWIND
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LANCHESTER E.P (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is wonderful to be back at the start of the new academic year. We have a wonderful cohort of Reception and Nursery children and it has also been lovely to welcome a number of children throughout the school in different year groups. It is always very special to hear how our ex-pupils are doing in secondary schools. Some have moved onto university, others have finished their GCSEs and it is especially lovely to hear about those who have just left us. They always look so grown up in their new uniforms too!

We have had four services in church already and we are only 6 weeks into the new year. First came our very special Reception Welcome Services. This is the third year we have held these services and they really are quite delightful. The Year 6 buddies say a few words about their Reception buddy and welcome them into our school. They then present them with some wildflower seeds and a short message. Some simply say something like, 'I hope you flourish in this school like I have'. Others say, 'I hope you have as much fun at this school as I have'. These are always very informal services but ones which are highly valued by the children and parents and carers alike.

The following week we then celebrated Harvest. This year, we changed the organisation so that parents and carers could join us. We had a service for Years 1, 3 and 5 in the morning, followed by another for Years 2, 4 and 6 in the afternoon. Revd Lesley led a lovely celebration, and the children proudly brought their harvest gifts forward. It was very special to have families join us again – thank you all for coming!

It would be very remiss of me not to thank Revd Lesley and the wardens for their continuous love and support shown to our school and children. They are always there to welcome us and give so much of their time to allow us to enjoy these special services in church. It is wonderful to be able to worship as a school community in such a beautiful building.

I think the next services will be our Christmas celebrations! I cannot quite believe I am saying that but we shall look forward to being back then.

Jane Davis

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on the 25th September. We were delighted to see so many people there and were very grateful for donations towards the raffle and cake stall. An amazing £1,005 was raised!

Sadly, this was our last Coffee Morning at the Community Centre, and we are very grateful to the manager, committee and staff for all the support they have given us over the years. We couldn't have done it without them!

We have had to take the decision to host a smaller, home-based, Coffee Morning in future years, as stalwart members of the group have health issues and we are all getting older and a little 'creakier'. We were fortunate this year that two friends stepped in to help bridge the gap, otherwise we would have struggled on the morning.

Next year the plan will be to have a 'Drop in' Coffee Morning with the usual drinks and cake to eat and a range of items to be pre-ordered and picked up on the day. This will enable us to make things more manageable, particularly in terms of the baking. So, watch this space next year!

Thank you,

Jackie Easton

DATES FOR THE DIARY

REGULAR GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Weekly

Tuesday 11.00am Meditation 1 Deanery Cottages
Tuesday 7.00pm Compline on Zoom, Margaret and Adrian

Other monthly meetings in Lanchester

1st Monday 2.00pm Julian Prayers
2nd Tuesday 2.00pm Mothers Union
2nd and 4th Thursday 7.00pm Church Wives
3rd Thursday 11.00am Eucharist Lynwood House

Other monthly meetings in Burnhope

1st Monday 2.00 Mothers Union
2nd Tuesday of the month Café Church 6.00pm at The Community Centre

EXTRA / CHANGES IN SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

1st November Joint service at All Saints 10.30 for All Saints Day

Monday 2nd November Commemoration of the Departed for All Souls' Day 6pm All Saints

8th November Remembrance Sunday;

8am Eucharist All Saints

10am Service of the Word at St John's

followed by Procession to the War Memorial and Act of Remembrance

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Saturday 28th November 5pm Christingle service All Saints

29th November First Sunday of Advent Joint Service at St John's 10am

Sunday 6th December 3pm All Saints St Nicholas Service

Sunday 13th December 3pm All Saints Nine Lessons and Carols with Churches Together

Sunday 20th December 3pm All Saints A Messy Nativity

Tuesday 22nd 6.30pm St John's Community Christmas Carols with mulled wine and mince pies

Thursday 24th December 2pmSt John's Crib Service

Thursday 24th December All Saints 11pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December All Saints 10am Joint Service; A Christmas Celebration!

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES ON SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER

SOCIAL EVENTS NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

Thursday 19th November

Music by Candlelight St John's, 6pm for a 7pm start, tickets £12

Saturday 28th November

2pm Christmas Fair St John's at Burnhope Community Centre

Saturday 21st November

All Saints Christmas Coffee Morning and Draw of Christmas Raffle from 9.30am onwards

Tuesday 22nd December

10am Christmas Holiday Club Community Centre Burnhope



Parish Register - Lanchester & St John's

Baptism;
Faye Elizabeth Horan 4/10/2026

Weddings;
Emma Larsen and Colin Patterson 10/10/2026

Funeral;
Jean Harrison 8/10/2026
Elva Hockaday 22/10/2026 (at St John's)
"May they rest in peace and rise in glory"



All Saints Parish Church Lanchester

Christmas begins with Christingles!



Join us in church for our service at 5pm on 28th November and then watch the Lights Switch-on on the green!

We're all part of

The Greatest Story Ever Told...



...are you?

Join our
Peg People Nativity



Sunday 29 November, 3pm

All Saints Parish Church, Lanchester

Contact us for more information

County Durham Foodbank

Thank You

All Saints Parish Church, Lanchester

Has collected 69.4kg of food
for the County Durham Foodbank Harvest Appeal 2026
providing 87 meals,
making a real difference to local families in need.



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0191 303 7559

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I Remember Durham Cathedral:
The Cathedral Workshop Fellowship

One of my favourite duties as Clerk of Works at Durham Cathedral was membership of and attendance every year of the Association of Cathedral Clerks of Works meetings. These took place every year at one of the Cathedrals in turn. Apart from Cathedral business, these were social events, as our wives attended also. It was at one of these meetings when a casual conversation between the Clerks of Works led to, I believe, one of the most important projects for the heritage sector.

The idea for a Cathedral Workshop Fellowship (CWF) was first proposed in 1999. Cathedral workshop leaders were concerned about the level of masonry knowledge being attained by their apprentices at college courses compared to the standard required in Cathedral workshops. They recognised the urgent need to sustain traditional craft skills and pass them on to a new generation. These early discussions focused on how cathedrals, many of which had long traditions of apprenticeship and internal training, could pool knowledge and resources to deliver a more structured and collaborative training model. The idea was bold: to create a national network of cathedrals working together to protect skills that were fast disappearing.

In recognition of its role in safeguarding traditional craft skills and supporting the conservation of the nation's cathedrals, the CWF was granted Royal Patronage in 2005 by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, now His Majesty King Charles III. This endorsement reflected the alignment between the CWF's mission and the King's longstanding advocacy for heritage, architecture and traditional craftsmanship. The continued support of royal patronage has been a source of inspiration and validation for the CWF's work.

In 2006, after several years of informal discussions, many meetings and trial initiatives, eight cathedrals formally came together to create the CWF as a collaborative training initiative. The founding members were Durham, York, Lincoln, Salisbury, Worcester, Gloucester, Canterbury and Winchester. Each cathedral committed to working collectively to deliver structured, high-quality training for their craftspeople. This marked a significant turning point - transforming the idea into an organised fellowship with a shared commitment to traditional craft.

In 2009 Exeter Cathedral became the first new member to join the original group. At that time, Exeter had no established workshop but joined CWF with a clear vision: to rebuild its internal conservation capacity through investment in training and support. The move demonstrated that a cathedral did not need to have a full workshop in place to participate; only a commitment to growth and heritage care. Exeter quickly became a valuable contributor to CWF and a success story in building a workshop from scratch.

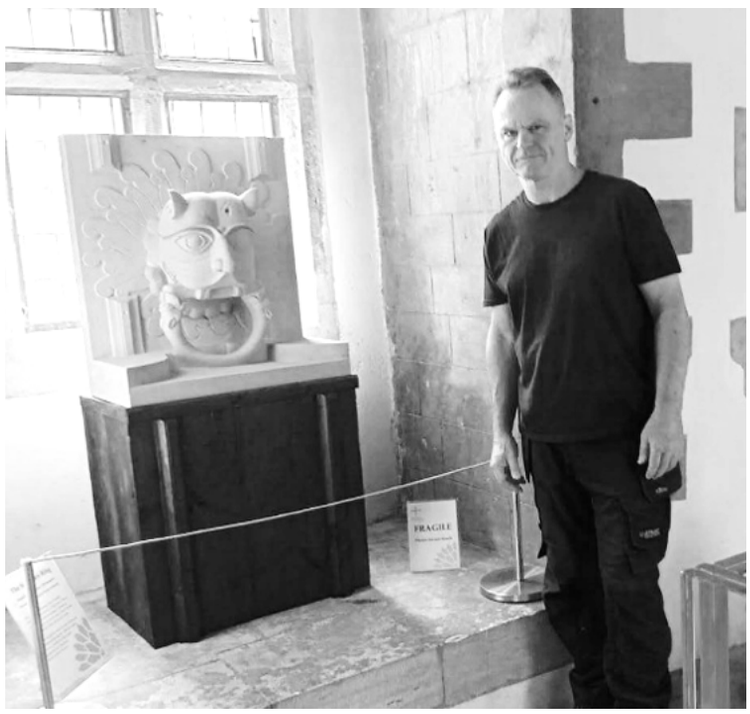
In 2009, the CWF entered into a formal academic partnership with the University of Gloucestershire (UoG), which enabled it to validate and deliver higher education qualifications for the first time. This collaborative agreement was pivotal; it ensured that cathedral-based training could be formally recognised within the UK higher education framework. It also marked the beginning of a professionalised approach to craft education that blended academic theory with hands-on heritage practice. The first cohort of stonemasons embarked on the course.

In 2011, the second cohort, 5 apprentices from 5 separate cathedrals, joined. This intake reflected the growing trust in the programme and strong engagement from the original member workshops. Students continued to study while working full-time on cathedral repair projects.

With continued support from its members, the CWF welcomed its third group of students in 2015. This cohort, made up of seven stonemasons from five cathedrals, demonstrated consistency in both quality and reach. As more cathedrals began seeing the long-term value of the CWF, participation continued to expand.

For the first time, in 2019, the CWF opened its doors to commercial heritage professionals, craftspeople not directly employed by cathedrals, but who shared a passion for conservation and wished to pursue structured training. This decision widened access, enhanced course diversity, and demonstrated the wider applicability of CWF programmes beyond the ecclesiastical sector

Chester Cathedral joined the CWF in 2021 with a clear mission to grow its internal capabilities from the ground up. With no existing workshop, Chester used its membership as a springboard to recruit trainees, develop training roles and invest in skilled supervision. It has since become a model of workshop growth, driven by education and heritage commitment.



Westminster Abbey joined the CWF in 2022 as a new member, recognising the value of formalised, collaborative training in preserving its iconic heritage. Its inclusion added national visibility to the CWF and brought in one of the UK's most historic and prestigious conservation contexts.

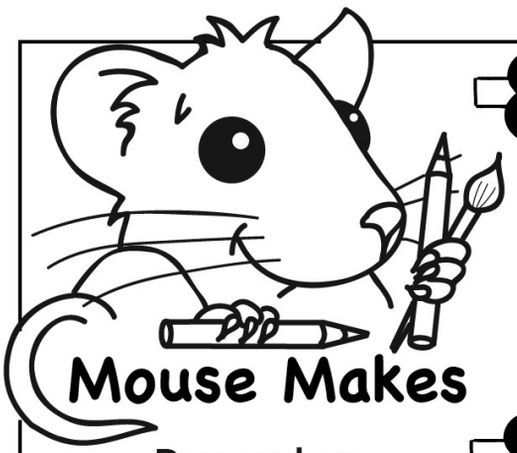
Of all the projects I was involved in at Durham, this project, that I was deeply involved from its inception until 2013, probably gives me most satisfaction. The attached photograph is of one of my staff who I engaged as a labourer and went on to qualify as a stonemason and completed the Diploma offered by the course.

I'm so pleased for him; his most recent work of the knocker in stone is on show at the Cathedral.

Rob Matthews

THE MAGAZINE - A REMINDER

As we are approaching the end of the year, I thought I'd remind you that time for payment of subscriptions has changed.
Your subscription now runs from January to December, so it would really help us to keep track if you wait until January to see your distributor for payment.
We hope you're enjoying our new, re-visioned magazine!



Mouse Makes

Remembrance Sunday is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace, it mirrors what Christ did for us when he gave his life so that we could live in peace with God.

Remember
the words Jesus said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Colossians 3:25

Jesus said:
"No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends."
John 15:13

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