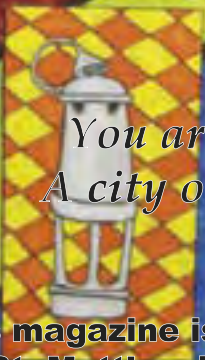


St. Matthew's Church Newbottle

March - April 2017



*You are the light of the world.
A city on a hill cannot be hidden
Matthew 5 v14*

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Church Services

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion
(1st Sunday in the month)
9.45 am Family Worship-Holy
Communion & Sunday School
6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

9.30 am Holy Communion

Prayer Group

1st Thursday in month, 7-8pm

Church Open

Tuesday 10-11am

Wednesday 10.15-11.15am

Mother's Union

Wednesday 2pm Lady Chapel in
Church

Church Hall

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Coffee Morning/Book Sale/Jigsaw Sale

29th April from 10.00 till 12.00

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 23rd April 2017, 11.00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

Baptisms:	15th January	Joey Thomas Dryden
	5th February	Loui Robert Hall.
	26th February	Nyla Cuthbertson.
	26th February	Purdey Elizabeth Grace Cuthbertson.
Funeral:	15th February	Ethel Render.
	20th February	Valerie Huntley.



Vicar's Voice

It has been said by church leaders down the ages that "The Church is the only club or institution that exists primarily for the benefit of non-members". To paraphrase and put that in a slightly different way, the Church must never become an exclusive, holy huddle for the few which doesn't welcome those outside its family or fellowship to join them. The Church was brought into being after the resurrection of Jesus, to encourage as many people as possible to come to belief in God.

Why do we in the Church feel it is important for as many people as possible to have an active belief in God? Because we believe that the world will be a better place for everyone, both those who have faith and those who don't, if as many people as possible follow the Godly teachings of Jesus found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The best place to learn about the ways of God is in the Church, so week by week faithful people meet in church to worship God and to learn more about their faith, which for us in Newbottle means coming along to St. Matthew's. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Hopefully a few folk have noticed that the church bell is now often rung. It is being rung more often because it is now far easier to ring since the Durham diocese bell adviser, with the help of a local roofer, climbed up the outside

of the church roof and supervised the cleaning and greasing of the bearings on which the bell swings. By ringing the bell we at St. Matthew's are telling everyone who can hear it that we're here in church, there's a service about to start and we want you to come and join us. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, we'll have some chimes working to get the same message across in a slightly different way.

The magnificent mural on the church hall, showing Newbottle's history in its four quadrants of "Farming", "Mining", "Quarrying" and "Pottery", with the "Cross" in the middle, is St. Matthew's way of saying to the local community the church has always been here for you, come and use the church hall. The mural is lit at night, just as the rose window is in the west gable of the church, again to remind folk that the Church and God is here at all times for everyone.

At St. Matthew's, as with all Churches, we're a mixture of all sorts of different people who come together to worship God and we aim to do our best when we leave church to make the world a better place for everyone to live in, especially here in Newbottle.

Come and join us as St. Matthew's and help us to make the world a better, Godlier place for everyone to live in, starting here in Newbottle.

Eddy Wilkinson.

St. Matthew's Church

Holy Week & Easter Services.

Mothering Sunday 26th March

9.45am: Parish Eucharist with gift of flowers to mothers.

6.00pm: Evening Prayer.

Palm Sunday 9th April

9.45am Parish Eucharist. & Blessing of Palm Crosses

6.00pm Evening worship at St. Andrew's Chilton Moor.

Maundy Thursday 13th April

7.00pm Parish Eucharist – "Thanksgiving for Holy Communion".

Good Friday 14th April

1.00pm Holy Communion.

2.00pm "An Hour Before the Cross".

3.00pm Ends by singing "When I survey the wondrous cross".

Easter Day 16th April

9.45am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Communion.



PACT

Police & Communities Together



Total Policing

Meetings to take place in the Jubilee room of the church hall at 6.30pm

Monday 8th May
Monday 10th July
Monday 18th September
Monday 27th November



Mother's Day

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece. During the 1600s England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". This was celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent and honoured all the mothers of England.

During this time many of the poor people worked as servants for the wealthy. As these jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers all year round. However, on Mothering Sunday the servants were given the day off and were encouraged to return home to spend the day with their mothers.

Another take on this is that years ago, for most Sundays in the year, churchgoers in England worshiped at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.)

And most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

Today it is a special day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.



Come and join us at St Matthew's to celebrate

Mother's Day

on Sunday 26th March.

You'd be most welcome.

There will be activities for the children and the sermon/talk will involve the children.



Baptisms at St. Matthew's



Joey Thomas Dryden was Christened on Sunday 15 January 2017



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Nyla Cuthbertson and Purdy Elizabeth Grace Cuthbertson were Christened on Sunday 26 February 2017.

Sit And Be Fit



We are exploring the possibility of having a mid-week afternoon seated exercise class in our Church Hall. If anyone is interested in this, please telephone Joyce Dixon 0191 5844653.

Women's Fellowship

Owing to rather unpleasant weather conditions we cancelled our January meeting. In a nutshell we learnt an amazing amount about South Africa at our meeting on Wednesday 15 February. Dave Lower told us he had lived in South Africa for many years and enjoyed every minute of it. He quickly and untiringly gave us a brief history of South Africa, telling us about the Boer farmers, who were descendants of the original Dutch speaking settlers, and of their wars with the British. We also learnt of the Zulu's success against the British at the battle of Isandlwana and of their defeat by the British at the battle of Rorke's Drift. Dave referred to Apartheid difficulties, and of once being burgled during the night whilst there were dogs in the house. He and his wife did much travelling in South Africa, and he talked of its beauty and amazing variety of landscape which provides skiing, surfing, fishing and activity along the massive rivers and hiking in the forests. Life in South Africa was certainly quite wonderful for Dave. We had a very enjoyable evening listening to him.



CRAFTS GROUP MEETINGS Welcome all



A Craft Group meets on Tuesday mornings at any time between 9.30 and 12.00pm in the church hall Any craft - knitting, sewing, painting, embroidery, etc. can be worked on. If you would like to join just come along on a Tuesday morning. It is a friendly group and new members would be very welcome. A short break for refreshments is also much enjoyed.

MOTHER'S UNION

Members of our Mothers' Union enjoyed meeting members from other churches in our deanery on Tuesday, 21 January when we all attended the Women's Wave of Prayer service at the church hall, Hetton. After the service we enjoyed a very nice cup of tea and chocolate biscuits.

Mural & Mocktails *Wordsearch*



- ASH
- EASTER
- FATS
- FORGIVENESS
- FORTY
- JESUS
- LENT
- LOVE
- MURAL
- PALM
- PANCAKE
- PRAYER
- SUNDAY
- TEMPTATION



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"



Mural & Mocktails



The culmination of vision and planning from over a year ago came to a conclusion on Saturday 25th February 2017, as we officially celebrated the installation of our new church hall mural in style! The extravaganza was planned on this date so we could combine it with a Pre-Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration – Shrove Tuesday is also known as ‘Fat Tuesday’ (Mardi Gras) and marks the events beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday. This reflects the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods, before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. Hence the significance of the pancake fest and mocktails on offer, and the brightly coloured dress we adorned for the day!

2pm saw the opening of the FREE celebrations, as around 60 people poured into the Church Hall for a free pancake and mocktail, which were both made to order via a very organised numbering system courtesy of Tom Dick. Steven Gibson and Susan Dick were the pancake chefs for the day, both tirelessly flipping and frying away in the kitchen, trying to keep up with the demand – the pancakes were absolutely delicious and there were many toppings available including lemon juice, chocolate sauce and maple syrup.

There were 3 mocktails (non-alcoholic cocktails) on offer which were specially created for this event and were aptly named:

- **Newbottle Sunset** – Cranberry Juice, Apple Juice, Orange Juice and Lime
- **Multi-fruit Mural Juice** – Mango, Lime and Mint Juice, Ginger Ale, Pineapple Juice, Lime and Ice
- **Church Hall Cutie** – Cranberry Juice, Fizzy Orange, Lime and Ice. Served with a cocktail umbrella and a brightly coloured straw – these were also very tasty and refreshing too!

To showcase the artwork produced for the mural project we had a dual approach – our large screen at the front of the stage showed a powerpoint slide show of all the artists designs and the photos of the mural being installed; and at the back of the hall we had 2 display boards featuring the original winning design beautifully framed, alongside the best 6 runner up designs.

The highlight of this event was the unveiling of the plaque outside of the Church Hall entrance, to commemorate the installation of the mural, and we were lucky enough to have the winning artist, Shannon Conlin, in attendance to have the honour of doing this! We all gathered outside to witness it and gave Shannon a round of applause to show our appreciation for brightening up our village!

Shannon's lecturer from Sunderland College, Andrew Foulds, came to witness his former student unveil the plaque, and was very pleased that the project had become a reality and the subject of such attention. Shannon was also joined by James Stafford, another of the students whose design was one of the runners up displayed at the back of the church. We were so pleased they could both come to this special event, and we presented Shannon with a bouquet of flowers.



There was a wonderful buffet on offer for everyone too, featuring cakes, quiche, sausage rolls, pizzas and cheese, made and donated by the congregation – it truly was a great display of everyone coming together to make this an event to remember! Of course, no church event would be complete without a raffle draw, which raised around £100; put together with around the same amount raised via the donations jar. We were overwhelmed by everyone's generosity – especially as this was a FREE event and not specifically a fundraising event! We were more thrilled that so many people came along to share in our celebration, and everyone who helped make this event happen should be proud of what we have achieved for the community in Newbottle.

**Bishop Paul's
Deanery Lent Course 2017**

HUNTING FOR JESUS
DRAWING ON MARK'S GOSPEL

Three Meetings at
St. Matthew's Church, Newbottle
Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th March

Sessions Start 7.30pm
Refreshments 7.00pm
Sessions should be completed by 8.45pm

1. LISTENING TO THE TEACHER

2. DISCOVERING THE HEALER

3. EXPERIENCING THE REDEEMER

Hot cross buns



For the buns

500g strong white bread flour
½ tsp salt
2 heaped tsp mixed spice
50g caster sugar
50g butter, chopped into cubes
200g mixed dried fruit
7g sachet easy-blend dried yeast
200ml milk
2 eggs

For the crosses & glaze

3 tbsp plain flour
honey or golden syrup, for brushing

1. Tip the flour into a bowl and stir in the salt, mixed spice and sugar.
2. Rub in the butter with your fingertips. Stir in the dried fruit, then sprinkle over the yeast and stir in. Gently warm the milk so it is hot, but still cool enough to put your finger in for a couple of seconds. Beat with the eggs, then pour into the dried ingredients.
3. Using a blunt knife, mix the ingredients to a moist dough, then leave to soak for 5 mins. Take out of the bowl and cut the dough into 8 equal pieces.
4. Shape the dough into buns on a floured surface. Space apart on a baking sheet, cover loosely with cling film, then leave in a warm place until half again in size. This will take 45 mins-1 hr 15 mins, depending on how warm the room is.
5. When the buns are risen, heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Mix the flour with 2 tbsp water to make a paste. Pour into a plastic food bag and make a nick in one of the corners. Pipe crosses on top of each bun.
6. Bake for 12-15 mins until risen and golden. Trim the excess cross mixture from the buns, then brush all over with honey or golden syrup. The buns will keep fresh for a day. After that they are best toasted and served with butter.



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Treasured memories of a dear sister Margaret who died on 4th January 2017. Will always be remembered with love, from Jean, Ron and family.

Notices & Information

FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA

Mrs Lydiatt Mrs Towers Mrs French Mrs Wilson Mrs Martin

Flower preparation at 10.00am on the following

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

April 7th

Saturday 15th April 9.00 Preparation of Easter Flowers

SANCTUARY GUILD DONATIONS

Anonymous donation for flowers

Donation from Dorothy Beaumont in Memory of Parents

Anonymous Donation

Flowers from the funeral of Emily Logan

Flowers from the funeral of Ethel Render

Happy Birthday Memories of a Loving Mother Ellen Wilson from John and Rita

Donation for Mothering Sunday Flowers

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Birthday memories of a dear Husband, Dad and Grandad.

Maud and Family

Treasured memories of a much loved Mam, Catherine Wakefield. From Anne

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In loving memory of Rita Clough, from daughters Valerie and Linda and families

Donation from Catherine Morton

Anonymous Donation

FLOWER FUND

CHURCH HALL RESTORATION FUND

Happy Birthday Memories of Maurice Bailey a devoted Husband of Marion and a dearly loved Dad and Grandy always in our thoughts.

Donations from the opening of the Church Hall Mural

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Monday	6.30-8.30 pm	Judo (Brian)
Tuesday	9.30-12.00am	Arts & Crafts Club (Kathleen)
Thursday	9.30-10.30 am	Coffee Morning
Thursday	12.30-1.30 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday	6.15-6.45 pm	Metafit (Faye)



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Every Thursday 9.30 - 11.30am

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a friendly chat and find a good book too.

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the Church Hall

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