

# ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH NEWBOTTLE



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

# Parish of St. Matthew's Newbottle Diocese of Durham

## 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

10.00 am Holy Communion

### Church Open

Tuesday 10.00-11am

Wednesday 10.15-11.15am

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### Funerals:

7th October 2021

Irene Baggott.

27th October 2021

Edith Raine.

17th November 2021

Linda Whitehead.

30th November 2021

Baby Everly Grace Bell.

16th December 2021

Hall Appleby.

20th December 2021

John Swanson.

31st December 2021

Colin Richardson.

26th January 2022

Marjorie Leadbitter.

22nd February 2022

Thomas Duggan.

1st March 2022

Stanley Wilfrid Morson.

### Burial of ashes:

15th December 2021

Ivy Berriman.

20th February 2022

Hall Appleby.

21st March 2022

Elsa Scott Davis.

## From Our Registers:

### Christenings

24th October 2021

Izzy Linda Izon.

7th November 2021

Oliver Robert Morgan.

21st November 2021

Lincoln George Allman.

19th December 2021

Ruby Forster. - William Forster.

6th February 2022

Freddie Davison.

27th February 2022

Ollie David Walton - Alfie Mitton.

15th March 2022

Jay Francis George Bailey.

20th March 2022

Ivy Grace Prior.

### Weddings:

31st December 2021

Martin Stephen Dobbs &  
Nicola Helen Louise Brinkley

22nd January 2022

Liada Kolapo Mudashiru &  
Sarah Jayne Wilkinson.



# Vicar's Voice

Ever since I arrived at Newbottle almost 30 years ago now, I've regularly made time to walk around the churchyard to see how things are because it's a sacred space, with over 7,500 people buried in the grounds, which is cherished by many people. This also gives me the opportunity to view the church building from different angles, particularly the roof.

After storm Arwen, on the 25th November last year, I walked round and found there were well over 200 slates blown off the north side of the church roof, some of which were whipped over the ridge tiles and stuck in the churchyard turf near the bus stop, some 30 or 40 paces from the church. I immediately contacted the roofer the church council uses and asked him to come as soon as he could to repair the damage, which he did but not before we had water dripping on the carpets inside the building; fortunately there was no long term damage.

After Arwen there were also trees blown down, covering head stones, which those visiting relative's graves found very distressing. The tidying up of the churchyard is continuing four months later – Bob does a great job in keeping the church gardens neat and tidy and well planted.

Keeping the cherished and sacred spaces of St. Matthew's church and churchyard in good order, requires our constant time and energy. For those of us with faith, such as the ladies who without fuss keep the church spotlessly clean and well decorated with flowers, it's a labour of love and an expression of faith. For others, in caring for our churchyard, it's a way of displaying their sense of community

spirit, and appreciation of somewhere to take their dog for a quiet walk, and spend a moment's peace and quiet on one of the churchyard benches.

As we see what is going on in Ukraine just now, may we never take for granted the peace and tranquillity we know in our sacred spaces, and in God's name do all we can to help people less fortunate than we are, to know peace and tranquillity in their sacred spaces, in their daily lives, no matter where they live.

In Jesus name we ask that the reality of his resurrection to new life will inspire us all to make this world a better place for everyone.

Rev. Eddy Wilkinson.

# Christenings

at St. Matthew's Church, Newbottle



Freddie Davison 6th Feb 2022



Alfie Mitton and Ollie David Walton 27th Feb 2022



Ivy Grace Prior 20th March 2022

# Weddings at St. Matthew's



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Sarah Jayne Wilkinson.

Do you want to sing  
and like a bit of fun?

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## Message from Rev John Barron, Rector of St. Michael & All Angels, Houghton

I think most people are aware that during the course of this year we will be forming a new group ministry with St Michael and All Angel's church in Easington Lane and St Matthew's church in Newbottle. After Easter, Reverend Eddie Wilkinson will be retiring and will not be replaced and we will take on responsibility for all three parishes through the group ministry that we set up. At present, we've not agreed how the structure of the parishes will work, but as an important priority we're taking some early steps in encouraging relationships between the people of the parishes. In the coming months we'll have some pulpit swaps between the churches and some shared services and events. In Houghton, I've swapped pulpits with Eddie and also Rev'd Tim Wall from the parish of Hetton Lyons with Eppleton.

Ash Wednesday was a little different for us this year – across the three churches we've held two services: one in the morning at 10am at St Matthew's, Newbottle (DH4 4EP) and one in the evening at 7pm St Michael & All Angel's, Easington Lane (DH5 0JN). During the season of Lent we have been

hosting a joint Lent Course for all three parishes in the Kepier Hall using Paula Gooder's book 'Women in Holy Week' (this is, of course, for all not just women!). On Palm Sunday at 6pm we will be hosting a joint service of devotion for congregation and choir 'The Cross of Christ' which, again, will be led jointly by the ministers of our three churches. We recognise that this will feel different and a little strange for us this year: it is to signal that there may need to be differences in patterns of worship in future with reduced numbers of clergy.

Lent as a traditional time of preparation for Christ's passion and resurrection: it's a time when Christians across the world journey together in reflection, prayer and self-denial. This year, we made this journey through Lent together with brothers and sisters from our neighbouring parishes. Perhaps together we can have our focus fixed on Jesus, whose suffering, death, resurrection and new life draws us together and makes us one.

With my continued prayers and very best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John', written in a cursive style.



## A Flippin' Marvellous Morning

As we head out of all covid restrictions and we dare to raise our heads above the parapet, small social gatherings are appearing again. Such was the Pancake Breakfast at St Matthew's church hall on Saturday 26th February. It really was wonderful to be back enjoying each other's company. The Jubilee room of the church hall was already buzzing with conversation when we arrived, the kitchen was on full steam and pancakes were already being devoured!

The pancakes themselves were delicious and there was so much choice to accompany them – lemon, maple syrup, golden syrup, Nutella, banana slices, blueberries (it must have been very cold!!), and fresh whipped cream. Coffee and tea were on tap. There were all ages there – so lovely

to see the children & young adults and there were several friends from Houghton church. Everyone stayed for quite some time, enjoying all the chat. Certainly, a very successful event – can't wait for the next one!

A huge thank you to all those who made this event possible and so splendid – Anne, Mary, Pat who produced such yummy pancakes, to Vera and Stephen, who were doing front of house and to Marjorie who was doing front of house and the raffle.

As well as the enjoyment we had, there was £150 donated (instead of any charges for pancakes). This is going to one of our favourite charities, Water Aid. Thank you to all who donated.

# Let There Be Peace On Earth

This much loved song begins:

*Let there be peace on earth*

*And let it begin with me*

*Let there be peace on earth*

*The peace that was meant to be and the story behind the song.....*

One summer evening in 1955, a group of 180 teenagers of all races and religions, met at a workshop high in the California mountains, locked arms, formed a circle and sang a song of peace. They felt that singing the song, with its simple basic sentiment – “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me” helped to create a climate for world peace and understanding.

When they came down from the mountain, these inspired young people brought the song with them and started sharing it. And as though on wings, the song began an

amazing journey round the globe. It went to the young campers’ homes, schools, churches and clubs. It was taped, recorded, printed in song books and passed by word of mouth. It then spread overseas to Holland, England, France, Germany, Lebanon, South America, Asia and Australia. The Maoris in New Zealand sang it – even the Zulus in Africa.

Large numbers of professional singers took it up, including Andy Williams, Danny Kaye, Nat Cole, Mary Tyler Moore, Liberace, Pat Boone, Johnny Mathis and it was featured on popular TV shows. The song then began to win many awards.

This simple thought, “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me” first born on a mountain top in the voices of youth, continues to travel heart to heart – gathering in people everywhere who wish to become a note in a song of understanding and peace – peace for all mankind.

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Tuesday	Health	Washington Village Community Association Car Park NE38 7JN	9.30-10.30am
Tuesday	Nordic	Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve, car park DH4 6PU	10.00-11.30am
Tuesday	Health	Morrison's Seaburn, outside of rear entrance (car park) SR6 8AA	6.30-7.30pm
Wednesday	Health	Morrison's Seaburn, outside of rear entrance (car park) SR6 8AA	9.30-11.00am
Wednesday	Health	Mowbray Park, the Walrus SR1 2QF	12.00-12.45pm
Saturday	Health	Herrington Country Park Play Area Car Park DH4 7EL	10.00-11.00am
Sunday	Health	Cox Green, The Oddfellows Arms, car park SR4 9JS	10.00-11.30am



# ***Date Bars***

After church on a Sunday morning we're back to having coffee and biscuits. So lovely to have this and of course the chat that goes with it. In early March we were also quietly celebrating the Diamond wedding anniversary of 2 of our church family. Congratulations to them!

There were several cakes on offer and some Date bars, which were delicious. This is the recipe & we recommend you try them.

## ***Date filling***

Pack of chopped dates or block of dates

¼ pint of water

1oz soft brown sugar

Grated rind & juice of 1 large lemon

## ***Topping***

6oz margarine

6oz soft brown sugar

4oz rolled oats

8oz SR flour

## ***Method***

1. For the date filling, heat all the ingredients in a small pan until soft & mushy. Allow to cool while making the topping.
2. Beat together the margarine and sugar, then add the oats and flour. The mixture is crumbly.
3. Grease a 10" x 7" baking tin and add half the crumbly mix.
4. Spread the date mixture on top & finish with the rest of the crumbly mix. Press down.
5. Bake at gas 6 ( 200° or 190° fan oven), for 25-30 mins or until golden brown.

# Notices & Information

## **FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA**

9:00am Friday - Anne, Marjorie, Mary, Pat  
Easter Flowers to be assembled Saturday 16th  
April then every Friday after.

## **FLOWER FUND DONATIONS**

Flowers celebrating the wedding of Sarah and Kola  
Anonymous donation

Donation for Mothering Sunday Flowers

Donation from the flower box in Church

Donation for flowers in memory of Enid Towers  
from Denise and Family

Anonymous donation for Easter flowers

Thank you to everyone who has given funds for  
flowers during the recent difficult months. It is a  
pleasure to see the beauty of them displayed in  
church.

In memory of my family: Elizabeth Strafford (Betty),  
sister Janice Nordstrum, Auntie Alice Chrisp and  
grandparents Emoline and Frank Chrisp

## **FABRIC FUND**

In memory of all loved ones at Christmas.

Catherine Morton

Christmas memories of our dear parents and loved  
ones. Margaret & Brian

## **SUNNISIDE METHODIST CHURCH**

Our Church Anniversary Service was held on  
Sunday, 5th December 2021, celebrating 122  
years of worship in Sunnyside Methodist Church.  
The guest preacher was Mr. John Roughley from  
Gateshead. As usual there was an 'anniversary  
cake' which was shared after the service.

Our Carol Service was held on Sunday 19th  
December and was conducted by Peter and  
Gwyneth Walsham. Light refreshments were  
enjoyed after the service.

Members at Sunnyside were all saddened to learn  
of the passing of our dear friend, Bill Sweeting on  
Tuesday, 4th January. Bill had been a greatly loved  
member of our congregation since he and Ruby  
joined us in March 2005. He had been a most loyal  
and generous member, who simply loved coming  
to worship. Throughout his years of illness, his  
sense of humour never wavered, and he is greatly  
missed by us all. Bill's funeral service was held on  
Tuesday, 25th January.

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# *Easter Services*

at St. Matthew's, Newbottle - St. Michaels,  
Houghton & St. Michaels, Easington Lane

Time & Date	Service	Location
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>		
Sunday 10th April 9.45am	Parish Eucharist with blessing of Palm Crosses & reading of the "Passion Narrative" from St. Luke's gospel.	St.MNew
Sunday 10th April 6.00pm	The Cross of Christ	St.MHou
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>		
Monday 11th April 2.00pm	Stations of the Cross	St.MHou
Monday 11th April 7.00pm	Holy Communion with Reflection	St.MHou
Tuesday 12th April 10.00am	Holy Communion with Reflection	St.ME-L
Tuesday 12th April 7.00am	Holy Communion with Reflection	St.MHou
Wednesday 13th April 10.00am	Holy Communion with Reflection	St.MNew
Wednesday 13th April 7.00pm	Holy Communion with Reflection	St.MHou
Thursday 14th April 7.00pm	Eucharist	St.MNew
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>		
Friday 15th April 1.00pm	Holy Communion	St.MNew
Friday 15th April 2.00pm	An Hour before the Cross	St.MNew
Friday 15th April 3.00pm	Closing hymn – "When I survey the wondrous cross".	St.MNew
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		
Sunday 17th April 9.45am	Parish Eucharist	St.MNew
Sunday 17th April 6.00pm	Evening Prayer with Holy Communion.	St.MNew

St.MNew - St. Matthew's, Newbottle    St.MHou - St. Michaels Houghton le Spring  
St.ME-L - St. Michaels, Easington Lane



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## St. Matthew's Church & Community Hall ...part of the local community spirit

### Weekly Timetable

DAY	TIME	CLUB
Monday	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Judo (Brian)
Tuesday	10.00am - 12.00noon	Arts & Crafts Club (Kathleen)
Tuesday	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Karate
Wednesday	6.00pm-7.00pm	Zumba
Wednesday	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Powertex (occasionally)
Thursday	12.00pm - 1.30pm	Lunch Club
Thursday	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Karate
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	Zumba Gold
Sunday	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Karate (Ed)

\*Details correct as April 2022

For all information on St. Matthew's Church and the Church Hall  
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