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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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From Our Registers:

Baptisms:	5th March	Eloise Iris Medd. Jasmine Amanda Turnbull-Smith.
	12th March	Thomas Samuel Hardy. Pearl Sofia Stephenson. Ruby Olivia Tate.
	19th March	Helen Hall. Benjamin Adamson.
	2nd April	Amelia Slater. Karson Thomas Maughan Hughes.
	16th April	Rhea Ashleigh McGuire. Ralph Luke Mel Hopper.
	30th April	Olivia Grace Thornhill Jessie Small
Wedding:	20th April	Stephen Baldwin & Karen Thompson.
Funeral:	15th March	Kathleen Dean.
Burial of ashes:	12th March	Margaret Elves.



Vicar's Voice

I am reliably informed, by those who know far more about gardening than I, that it is too early in the year to put bedding plants in the garden because of the risk of frost, which "burns" green foliage and may even kill delicate plants outright. Yet I've noticed that some supermarkets are offering bedding plants for sale and people are buying them with enthusiasm. The plants do look nice and maybe some folk are putting them in green houses or cold frames to protect them from the frost; maybe others are willing to plant them out in the garden and take a chance?

On TV a couple of months ago there was a news item which explored why it is that the opinions of "Experts" are no longer listened to by us, the great British general public, as they once were. What was revealed is that most folk prefer to make up their own mind about things and will often totally disregard the opinion of an expert if it doesn't agree with their own ideas and feelings. Why? Well, apparently, in the view of many people the experts seem to give indifferent advice and keep getting their predictions wrong, sometimes way wrong.

Until Election Day on Thursday June 8th we'll be bombarded on TV, radio, in the papers and in the social media with all sorts of differing advice passionately delivered by experts and commentators. No doubt we'll get letters and leaflets from the candidates standing for election, both at local and national level. Quite a few people have told me they've had enough of politics, politicians and experts. How on earth can we make our mind up about things if those offering themselves for election and leadership keep giving such widely differing advice? They can't all be right and they can't all be wrong.

Whilst it might be understandable for many folk to say "I'm not taking any notice of politics and politicians", if we want democracy in our land to work, we need to some extent to take note of what politicians and experts are telling us. Then make up our minds how we will vote.

At St. Matthew's we regularly pray for the democratic process of our land by which our local and national politicians are elected, that is our city councillors and MP's. We pray that men and women of integrity will offer themselves to be elected to fill the positions of power and influence in local and national government and exercise those powers and influence in such a way that we may all live in the most just, fairest and safest society possible.

We will especially pray for the world of politics over the coming weeks that God will bless and guide all those involved.

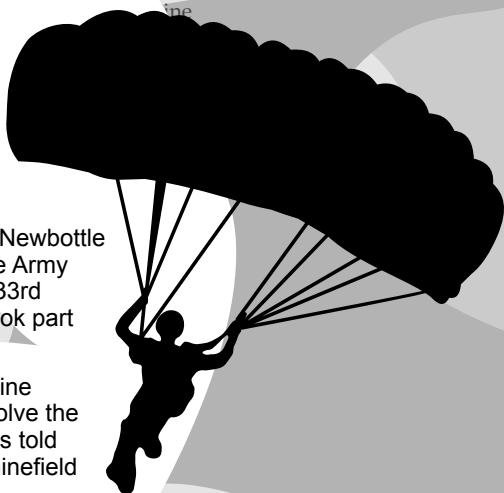
Eddy Wilkinson.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ALLAN CORNER

Clever or Lucky?

Lieutenant-Colonel Allan Corner, who was born in Newbottle in 1932 had an “adventurous” career flying with the Army Air Corps. After Sandhurst, he was posted to the 33rd Parachute Regiment in Egypt and subsequently took part in the Suez Campaign.

Flying to Libya, his Auster (aircraft) developed engine problems and he managed to land in the desert, solve the problem and fly on to his destination, where he was told that he had put the plane down in an un-cleared minefield and was lucky to be there at all!



On Bastille Day, invited by the French to do a fly-past at Dinard, he flew in so low that a tricolour on a flagpole became wrapped around his plane's wheels. He managed to get his foot around the trailing flag, pulled it inside and duly presented it to the assembled dignitaries with as much dignity as he could muster. The next day he was warned that if he removed the one flying from the roof of the Town Hall, he and his team would be guillotined!

In 1964, when Corner was serving in Cyprus as a helicopter pilot, he picked up a badly injured Greek boy and took him to Nicosia, when his aircraft started vibrating heavily. They arrived at the hospital in time for the boy's arm to be saved when Corner was told that he had been within two minutes of a catastrophic mechanical failure!

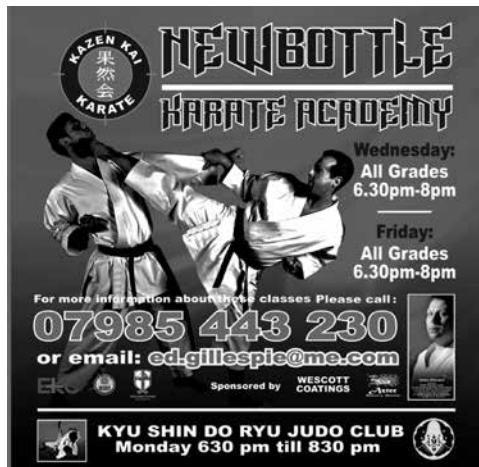
After a posting to Canada he returned to England in 1968 to take command of the Parachute Brigade Squadron. He was flying with the SAS freefall team when the leader of the Freefall Team accidentally ignited a smoke grenade inside Corner's Auster. Corner spiralled down, trailing smoke and landed without incident to be applauded with enthusiasm by a crowd who believed that this was all part of the display!

He next moved to Lee-on-Solent and following promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel, he moved to Verden in BAOR as commanding officer of 1st Regiment AAC.

He retired in 1988 and sadly died in 2010. Beat that for a colourful life beginning in Newbottle!



Karate Group Kick up to Church Hall



EXCITING NEWS! A local Karate group is relocating to our Church Hall from the 12th May

The club was initially formed in 1978 under Graham Burt 4th dan but Ed Gillespie took over in 1989 when Graham could no longer run it. Ed Gillespie competed at international level, representing England several times here and abroad winning various honours including British and English all styles championships. The club has also produced many internationals and international medal winners over the years becoming one of the most successful karate clubs in the country. But for those who do not compete the club offers a high standard of traditional Japanese karate who's grades are recognised at British European and world level.

Ed has also taught abroad in very poor areas for various charity's including the Slums in Brazil and several times in Sri Lanka. Which fits perfectly with the ethos of our church.

£4 per session

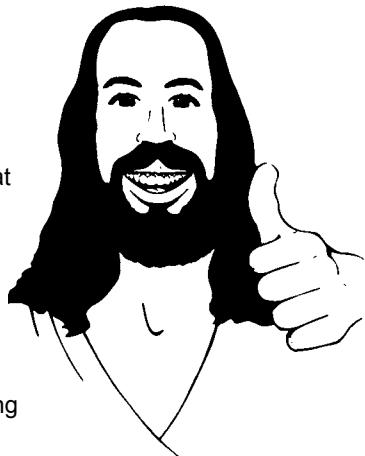
**Minimum age
6yrs old**



JESUS IS SUPER COOL; R U?

This was the Newbottle Primary Academy's Easter service at St. Matthews on Monday 3rd April.

During the previous week all of the children had decorated a pennant for Easter. These were brought up to church and were assembled as bunting. The bunting was strung up across the church, making the church look beautiful, not only for the school service, but for all the Easter services. Easter is a time to celebrate and this was the first song the children sang. A wonderful song and with the bunting hanging overhead it really gave that feeling of celebration.



After singing "Celebrate", the children settled down to watch the DVD, "Jesus is Super Cool, R U?", then Tom gave a short talk on this theme. He explained how Jesus is super cool and how we can be super cool too. The next song was the "Chicken song" and voices and bodies were all in action. Everyone enjoyed that, then had a rest while Tom thanked them for producing their bunting.

The older children read a dramatic interpretation of Easter, then palm crosses were given out to each child. Everyone raised their palm cross and shouted Hosanna. They didn't manage to shout it loud enough and it did take quite a few tries before they managed to raise the rafters!

To conclude, everyone sang the joyful, lively song, "Easter Jubilation", with gusto and then it was time for the final prayer and a walk back to school.

We hope the children enjoyed the service as much as we did.

Thank you to all of the children and school staff for their presence and rousing singing, and not least, for leaving us with their colourful bunting, ready for our Easter celebrations.



Easter Crown Of Thorns



Did you see our new Crown of Thorns on display in the church over Easter? Or did you spot it on the front of our Easter card and wonder about it? Well, it's actually an authentic Crown of Thorns from the Holy Land, which came with a Certificate of Origin, stating the following:

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

Christians all over the world rely on symbolism as they celebrate the wonders of Jesus and the promises that He made. What better serves to remind us of His sacrifice than the

Crown of Thorns that He wore upon His head? As the Roman Legionaries mocked Christ at His crucifixion, they placed a crown upon His head, hailing Him as King of the Jews. The crown was not a golden one, encrusted with jewels, which would have been befitting of a king. Instead it was formed from a thick-stemmed and thorny plant which grew in the desert of Jericho by the Dead Sea, just thirty miles from Jerusalem. This crown was encrusted with something far more precious than jewels – it was encrusted with the blood of Jesus, the very blood that He shed to redeem His people. The Euphorbia Milli, or **Crown of Thorns**, has been known to this region for many years as a beautiful ornamental plant,

Validated by



We love this new addition to our church for the Easter period, as its simplicity speaks volumes – we hope you appreciate it too!

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship was privileged on Wednesday, 15 March to have a most interesting talk, together with pictures on the screen, given by Maureen Nevitt. Maureen works with 'Books and Bread for Kenya' organisation (Charity No. 1122698). Together with three other volunteers from this area Maureen makes an annual visit to Kenya. Their support is for an orphanage near Mombassa for children from infancy to the age of 18. The orphanage which provides full time shelter, food, clothing and education is quite small, and the children are fairly tightly packed in. Without this orphanage how different the lives of the children living there would be! So many children from surrounding villages live part time or full time on the streets. Street-life can be extremely traumatic for them as they are exposed to high levels of hunger, violence and disease. They are exploited, too. They are paid much less than adults for doing the same jobs. Suffering low esteem, lack of confidence and a sense of worthlessness, Maureen told us of the pleasure these children received at any small gift given to them. We were very grateful to Maureen for her talk and we helped her funds by buying some of the items which she had brought with her to sell.

At our last meeting Joanne Willis, who is a practising physiotherapist, kindly came to talk to us about how to look after ourselves and keep on the move. She explained how exercise is so important for us, whatever our age. We copied a couple of simple exercises she demonstrated.

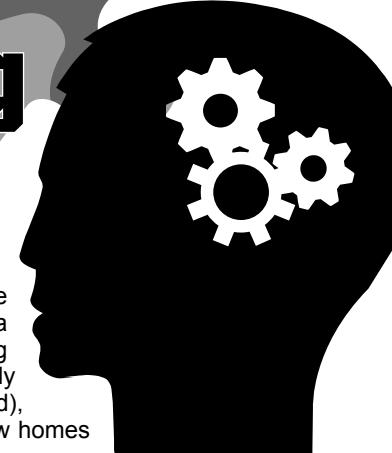
Joanne brought to the meeting much helpful printed information which held particular reference to arthritis. There was much discussion, and we were able to obtain booklets with advice about use of sensible, correct footwear, correct posture during housework and gardening, and how to deal with and avoid back and neck pain. Joanne listened to many questions, and we were very grateful for her useful advice.

MOTHER'S UNION

Last year the Mothers' Union celebrated 140 years of faith -faith in action. Today the Mothers' Union continues around the world to provide support, encouragement and information to parents and families. The Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Durham has recently had the joy of celebrating 125 years of faith, family and belonging. In February members of our Newbottle branch joined with members of other Deanery branches at the service of Wave of Prayer held at St Michael & All Angels' church hall and community centre at Hetton. We also joined, in March, with other Deanery members at the service of Women's World Day of Prayer at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Houghton, as well as the Lady Day service -we carried our banner-at All Saints' church, Penshaw. We hope to have an Afternoon Tea Party very soon.

Coffee Morning for the Mind

Saturday 29th April was the date we decided on for a coffee morning in our Church Hall, but we thought we'd make it a morning for the mind, with jigsaw puzzles and books being the focus! We have accumulated so many of each (particularly books – hence the need to have proper shelving installed), that we thought it warranted its own event to try and find new homes for them!



Jigsaw puzzles perform wonders to our human minds, and everyone – be it children, adults, young or old – can significantly benefit from improved memory, brain chemistry, disposition and creativity. Books do pretty much the same; it has long been said that "Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body" - reducing stress, providing mental stimulation and not forgetting to mention expanding knowledge and vocabulary! It is suggested that these 2 mind activities can even help to stave off dementia that occur in later years – "Use it or lose it" as the saying goes!

We did manage to rehome quite a few books and jigsaws for a small fee, along with a nice cuppa, scone and of course the obligatory raffle. Selling jigsaws for £1 each, and books at 30p (paperbacks) and 50p (hardbacks) , we raised over £50 for this 2 hour social, which isn't a bad return for minimal effort and outlay! Thanks to all who came; the money raised is going to the church hall restoration fund, which all helps our Coffee Shop plans become a step closer to reality. We still have plenty of books and jigsaws left if anyone wants to have a look, especially with the holiday season looming.....pop into the hall on a Thursday morning from 9.30am if so.

Philadelphia Cricket & Community Club MUSIC FESTIVAL

The club is hosting its third music festival from Friday 30th June - Sunday 2nd July with live music throughout the week-end.
It's a great time for the community. Why not join us.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse on 0191 3890484.



Eloise Iris Medd was Christened on Sunday 5 March

Christenings

at



Jasmine Amanda Turnbull-Smith was Christened on Sunday 5 March 2017



Thomas Samuel Hardy, Pearl Sofia Stephenson and Ruby Olivia Tate were Christened on Sunday 12 March 2017



Helen Hall and Benjamin Adamson were Christened on Sunday 19 March 2017



St. Matthew's



Karson Thomas Maughan Hughes was
Christened on Sunday 2 April 2017



Amelia Slater was Christened on
Sunday 2 April 2017



Ralph Luke Mel Hopper was
Christened on Sunday 16 April 2017



Rhea Ashleigh McGuire was
Christened on Sunday 16 April 2017

More Christenings

at St. Matthew's



Olivia Grace Thornhill was
Christened on Sunday 30 April 2017



Jessie Small was Christened on
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Sunniside Methodist Church

Flower Fund:

Loving memories of John on his birthday from Doreen, Betty & Ken.

Church Fund:

In loving memory of our parents, Mavis and John Walker, from their family. Sadly missed.

Remembering the 69th wedding anniversary of Tim Graves and his late wife Elsie who were married on 29th March, 1948. Congratulations also Tim who recently celebrated his 95th birthday in the "Laurels" care home.

Notices & Information

CHURCH HALL RESTORATION FUND

Donation from Coffee Morning with Books and Jigsaw Sale

FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA

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Flower preparation at 10.00am on the following

May 5th,12th,19th,26th

June 2nd,9th,16th,23rd,30th

FABRIC FUND

Birthday memories of a dear brother in law. From Kate, Harry & Family

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Donation from Dorothy Beaumont in Memory of Parents

Loving memory on Mothers Day of Margaret Smith (Peg) always loved from

Carole,Brian,Anthony, Lynsey, Samantha and Sonia

Donations from the flower box in church

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

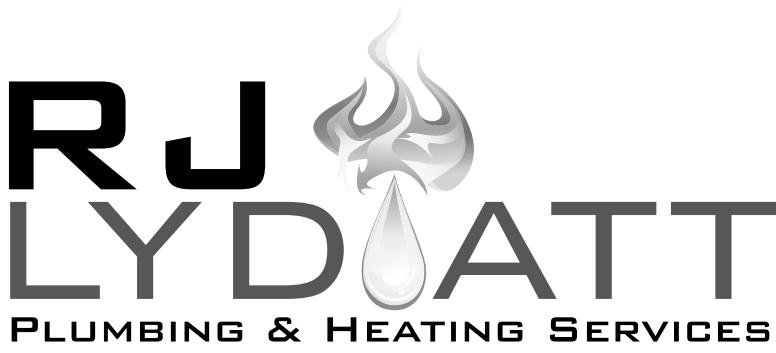
For Family and Friends

Donation for Easter Flowers in loving memory of Alan husband and Dad also Mam and Dad forever close. From Margaret, Craig, Scott, Deborah and Carly.

In memory of Mum Betty Stafford, Sister Janice Nordstron, Aunt Alice Chrissp and Grandparents Frank and Lena Chrissp from Kathleen Allen.

Flowers in celebration of the wedding of Steven Baldwin and Karen Thompson

To all who made donations to the Flower Fund and who helped arrange flowers for our Easter Celebrations thank you the Church looked wonderful in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.



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St. Matthew's Church & Community Hall

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...part of the local community spirit

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

Would you like to book the Church Hall for a party or club meeting? Contact Tracey Tait on 07769 678271

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