

# ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH NEWBOTTLE

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS



# AUTUMN 2022

*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

9.45 am Family Worship-

Holy Communion

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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## From Our Registers on Sunday 18th September 2022:

### Christenings

3rd April Oliver Scott Divers

24th April Luke Anthony Warburton

8th May Ellie Simpson.

22nd May Beatrice Stephanie Brinkley.

23rd May Bliss Caris.

19th June Joshua John Robson.

3rd July Charlie Smail.

17th July Dalilah-Ray Leadbitter.

28th Aug Dolcie Leigh Atwill.

28th Aug Cruz Saint Watt.

11th Sept Hunter Anthony David Moses.

### Weddings:

14th May Christopher Hall & Katherine Louise Messenger.

21st May Connor Joseph Watson & Megan Rose Slee.

3rd Sept Glenn Duffield & Hannah Joy Robinson.

### Funerals:

27th May Antony Neil Tindale.

1st June Brenda Burdon.

8th June Brian Gould.

7th Sept Kitty Morrell.

### Burial of ashes:

3rd April John Swanson.

16th April Edith Raine.

1st May Frances Young.

4th May Desmond John George Middlemas.

4th May Leeanne Middlemas.

10th July Victoria Turrell.

19th July Colin Richardson.

24th July Richard Vardy.

24th July Irene Vardy.



# Vicar's Voice

On Wednesday 14 th October 1992 I was licensed by Bishop David Jenkins as priest-in-charge of the parish of Newbottle.

On Tuesday 16 th April 1996 I was collated into the benefice of Newbottle by Bishop Michael Turnbull – it means I was made vicar of Newbottle.

On Monday 31 st October 2022 I will retire as vicar of Newbottle. My wife, family and I have absolutely loved being part of the church in Newbottle and living in Newbottle.

God has blessed us indeed by guiding us to be with you all. During my ministry I have met and worked with many inspiring and wonderful souls. Yes, there have been one or two difficult things but far, far more blessings. My time with you has been fulfilling and a delight.

Rev. Eddy Wilkinson.



# Christenings

at St. Matthew's Church, Newbottle



Oliver Scott 3 April 2022



Luke Anthony Warburton 24 April 2022



Elise Simpson 8 May 2022



Beatrice Brinkley 22 May 2022



Bliss Caria 23 May



Joshua John Robson 19 June

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Dalilah-Ray Leadbitter 17 July 2022



Dolcie Leigh Atwill (28 August)



Cruz Saint Watt 28th August



11th September Hunter Anthony David Moses



# Continental Breakfast for Christian Aid

After raising £380 earlier in the year for Ukraine, we decided to do our normal fund raising in May for Christian Aid, a charity which works with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. Every pound donated and every fundraising event held goes some way to eradicate poverty.

Christian Aid is a Christian organisation that wants everybody in the world to be able to live a full life, free from poverty. It works to bring about changes that will end the causes of poverty and achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all people, regardless of their faith or nationality.

Our main effort this year was a continental breakfast in the Jubilee room at the church hall. Everyone pulled together for this excellent cause and an array of breakfast goodies were

provided – various cereals, fresh fruit, toast, croissants, pain de chocolat, crusty rolls, various breads, jam, marmalade, honey and Nutella. Makes you mouth water just reading the list! This was all accompanied with several fruit juices, tea and coffee. As with all of these fund-raising social events there was much banter and good humour and it was good to welcome friends from other churches.

Thank you to all those who provided breakfast foods and drinks and those who prepared the tables, made the teas and coffees and washed up. ***Where would we be without you all, Team Newbottle?***



## WE RAISED

# £163





# JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT ST. MATTHEW'S

St Matthew's joined in the countrywide celebrations for the queen's Platinum Jubilee – 70 glorious years of commitment and duty, with a special Jubilee Lunch at the Lunch Club and with coffee and cakes after the morning service on 5th June.

A lot of planning went into the special Jubilee lunch, as to the menu and decorations.

The tables were beautifully decorated in red, white and blue, with lots of little union jacks and union jack serviettes.

Much fun was had and everyone wore union jack hats. Such a lovely event and many thanks go to Anne, Mary, Vera, Mavis and Dave for working hard to make it all so successful and enjoyable.

After the morning service at church, on the Sunday of the Bank Holiday celebrations, there was coffee, tea and some delicious cakes to enjoy over a chat. The back of church was suitably decorated and once again everyone enjoyed this small event.



# Brian Gould 1936 - 2022

It was with great sadness that we heard of Brian's death in June.

Brian was born on 22nd March 1936. His apprenticeship as a painter and decorator was interrupted when he was called up to do his National Service in the RAF, which he went on to enjoy. While in the RAF he served with Rodney Bews, (Bob in the "Likely Lads"). Brian met Margaret at the "pictures" in Houghton, when he was 17-18 and she was 16-17. On 27th September 1958 they got married at St. Oswald's, Shiney Row. After a few years they moved to Philadelphia, where they lived very happily for over 50 years. Margaret taught Brian to dance and the love of dancing together stayed with them all their life.

After his apprenticeship, Brian became a self-employed painter and decorator. When he was an apprentice, he varnished the ceiling of St Matthew's, and, more recently varnished the oak panelling around the high altar.

Brian had a beautiful singing voice and had singing lessons in Auckland castle. For many years he sang at the banquets in Lumley Castle. He is perhaps best remembered in our congregation for singing "Peace on Earth", "When a child is born" or "Oh Holy night" at our candlelit carol services. Brian was a regular attendee at this church on Wednesday mornings.

He and Margaret would hold hands in the nursing home and say the "Lord's Prayer" together right up to the last few days he was with her – she has been his rock. He told Margaret he knew his time had come and he passed peacefully away in Springfield House, a man of faith gone to his eternal reward.

Sorely missed by Margaret and their close family, Margaret, Barry and the kids, friends and our congregation.

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## St Matthew's Church Summer Fayre

We were lucky with the weather on 22nd July and the annual fayre went ahead in the vicarage garden. There were various stalls, such as the White Elephant and Cards and Toy stall, as well as the very popular Tombola Bag & Bottle stall and the Raffle. Books were on sale in the Jubilee room, at the back of the hall and there was a cake stall and refreshments. The Washington

Ukulele U3A Band entertained everyone – all toe tapping, memorable tunes. Thank you to them.

There was a lovely, lively atmosphere and £845 was made. A huge thanks to all involved in the organisation, for setting up and work on the day, not forgetting the amazing support from the local community. A special thank you to Jason for all of his help with the setting up of the stalls etc.



# Buon Appetito!

On Friday 26th August twenty three of the church family from St Matthew's met together for an evening meal at the Amalfi restaurant at the Sun Inn. It was such a pleasure to be altogether with plenty of time to enjoy each other's company and fellowship. The age range was wide – from 15 to 90 and everyone enjoyed the evening, so much so, many were suggesting making it a regular event.

The food was excellent, the banter was lively and much fun was had, even with some arm wrestling between a younger member of the group and the church warden. The church warden lost! The staff made us feel very welcome and the service was tip top. All in all a very special evening.

Watch this space for the next one!



# DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal

Response by the people of St Matthew's Church.

18 September 2022

Thank you so much for  
your donation to the DEC  
Pakistan Floods Appeal.

Donation amount:  
£100.00

As you know, floods are devastating Pakistan, leaving millions of people across the country in need of urgent help to survive. Entire communities have been swept away, leaving families homeless. They need food, clean drinking water and shelter. Thank you to all those who gave generously to our appeal, including those who responded directly to the DEC. Our actions can be the answer to someone's prayers.

# Congratulations!

**Congratulations to Joanne Martin, from everyone,  
on being accepted to train as a Diocesan Reader.**

## IT'S SHOEBOX TIME

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for Children in Need

This year it is hoped to send two-thirds of the shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries that are hosting Ukrainian refugee families.

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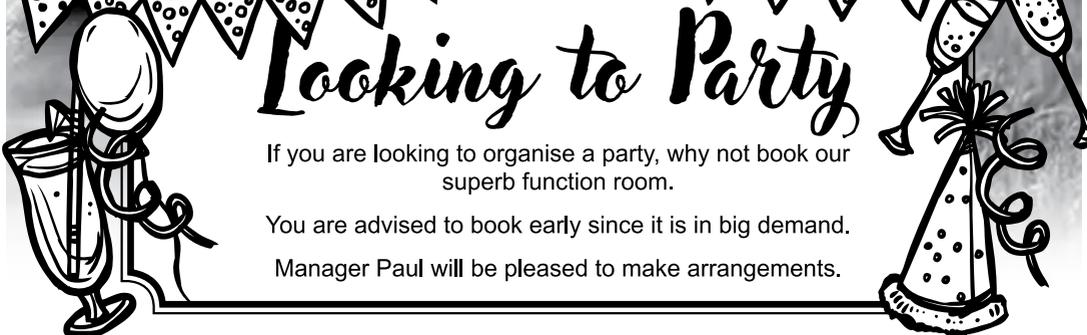
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# Notices & Information

## FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA

9am every Friday

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Flowers preparation is at 8.45am every Friday morning everyone is welcome no experience necessary just call in.

## FLOWER FUND DONATIONS

### SANCTUARY GUILD DONATIONS

Anonymous donation for flowers

Flowers in memory of Enid Towers from Denise, John and Family

Flowers in memory of a loving Dad

Donations from the Flower Box in church

Memories of loving parents from John and Rita Wilson

Flowers from the funeral of Kitty Morrell

Anonymous donation for flowers

Harvest Flowers in memory of Frank and Pat Taylor

## SUNNISIDE METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. David Graves celebrated his 70th birthday on 17th August, with members of the church and two Ministers, Rev. Alf Waite and Rev. Dawn Brown. A very pleasant meal was enjoyed together at the Three Horseshoes restaurant, Leamside.

Our Harvest Festival Service was held on Sunday 18th September and was conducted by Rev. Derek Aldridge. Tins and dried food were donated to a local food bank. Donations were very much appreciated.

## FABRIC FUND

No donations





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## 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

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