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March Services

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| 4 th | 10.30am | Rev T Thorpe. A.A. |
| 11 th | 10.30am | Mrs R Gray. |
| 18 th | 10.30am 6.00pm | Mr I Jackson. Rev R Brooks. A.W. |
| 25 th | 10.30am | Mr B Lumsden. |

April

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| 1 st | 10.30am | Rev T Thorpe. S. A.A. |
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The Best Is Yet to Come

Up to now it's been a mild winter and February is almost behind us. In the last few days I have noticed some very promising signs that fill me with hope and encouragement; snowdrops, aconites and the odd daffodil pushing up through the cold, dark earth, blackbirds chasing each other around the garden and nights drawing out.

Experience tells us all that winter is nothing more than a season and is always followed by the season that is literally bursting with the promise of new life, Easter.

There are many of us who know the long, hard season of the soul when the pain and burdens that we carry have threatened to overwhelm us. We need to remember, that all things have a season and often a reason that we cannot always fathom but we also need to remember that Winter is always overcome by Spring and that the "Winter" of Holy Week is always followed and overcome by the "Spring" of Easter Sunday.

In the act of resurrection, Christ overcame all things and defeated all things that would mar our lives. His new life assures that we are free to move on. Our faith in him marks us out as being children of the resurrection when we can begin at least to leave behind in the tomb those personal crosses we have carried and begin to bask in the light of the resurrected Jesus and to walk in the new life that he promises to all who love him.

When I was in Lancashire I saw a teenage boy on his way home from school. It was cold and the rain came down like a monsoon, the very pavements were like miniature lakes. He was soaked to the skin but he had a smile on his face and he splashed along joyfully. Several thoughts came to mind; he must be in love and he looks like he's walking on water and the rain is not getting to him.

John Wesley had an eventful life, a difficult life that must at times have seemed like walking through deep snow in the teeth of a northerly wind. But he had a phrase that Methodists have come to love "The best is yet to come."

I hope that you are in love with Jesus for when you are you can walk on water and the rain will not get to you for you know that "the best is yet to come."

Love in Christ

Rev Tim Thorpe

Heddon Events in March

Film Night. Fri 2nd 7.00 p.m.

Watch out for posters with further information

Men's Coffee Fellowship

Sat 3rd at 10am. Speaker Pastor Tom Leighton.

The Living Room.

Sun 18th at 6pm. Alternative worship evening, an informal evening of getting to know your faith.

Craft & Chat

Tue 21st at 1.30pm. Card Making

The Garden Room.

Thursday mornings from 10 – 11.30 am.

Open for anyone to come along for a cuppa, a confidential listening ear or some quiet time in the church.

Photography Group.

Every 2nd Thursday of the month. 7-9pm.

Share an interest in photography, be inspired by others, learn what your camera is capable of and organize photo opportunities.



The Coffee Morning for Water Aid on Saturday February 10th raised £384.

Thanks to all who contributed or helped.

UNITY

The Rev. Dr. Leslie Weatherhead addressed this problem in the early pages of his book "The Christian Agnostic." He wrote: "The only value I can see in the endless conferences on unity is that we should grow to understand and love one another more truly....."

After all, a man's denomination is nearly always emotionally, not rationally, determined.....

What our fathers were, we are, and we make up our reasons afterwards. The essential in Christianity, past, present and future is loving Christ and one another, and if the Quaker finds God in the silence and the Salvation Army in the band, the Roman Catholic in the mass and the Baptist in the immersion; if the High Anglican likes incense and ceremonial and the Methodist puts his emphasis on personal experience, the fellowship of the authentic class meeting and Charles Wesley's hymns, why talk of disunity? What matters is the love of Christ, tolerance of one another and a passionate togetherness against every form of evil."



UNITY

There's a story about an American flying across the Atlantic to England. It was planting season, and when he looked down and saw the stone walls and the geometric designs in the English countryside, he thought it was so beautiful.

He stayed in England for several months. Then, when he flew back to America, back across the same area, the Walls were all gone. He asked the flight attendant what happened to the fences. She said, 'Oh sir, it's harvest time. The wheat is now higher than the walls, so you can't see them.

From a box of delights, by J. John & Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books



"None of us has got it together, but together we've got it."

J. John

A CHRISTIAN farmer taught his horse to start and stop, using words from the Bible. When he wanted the horse to go, he would shout, 'Praise the Lord.' When he wanted the horse to stop, he would shout, 'Hallelujah.'

All went well until one day a thunderbolt caused the horse to take off galloping at full speed.

Realising he had lost control, the farmer panicked and forgot the words he had trained the horse to respond to. Up ahead was a cliff, and they were headed towards it at full speed.

Desperately he tried to recall every religious word he'd ever heard of. He shouted, 'Amen! Jesus saves! Worthy! Holy!' Nothing worked. Just as the horse approached the precipice, he shouted, 'Hallelujah!' The horse stopped right there on the edge. Relieved, he wiped the sweat off his brow and said, 'Whew, praise the Lord!'

Seriously, praising the Lord is not a religious activity that belongs only in church on Sunday morning. 'From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised' (Psalm 113:3 NKJV). That means let your first words in the morning and your last words at night, be praise to God. 'Why should I praise God every day?' you ask. Because He is worthy of your praise. 'You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power.' And one more thought. Spoken words of love and appreciation draw people together and create intimacy. Do you want to get closer to God? Start praising Him more.

From U.C. B.s word for today.

FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK THAT.

One day a middle-aged Jewish man heard from his son at university, "I've decided to become a Christian, dad".

The father panicked "what do I do?" he asked himself. The only thing he could think to do was to call his Rabbi for advice. "funny you should come to me with this problem," says the Rabbi. "not 2 years ago MY son came to me with the same speech. I had no idea what to do. I panicked and the only thing I could think of to do was to go to God." "Goodness. And what message do you think you got from God." Asked the father nervously. The Rabbi laughed, "God said to me, funny you should come to me with this problem....."

A teacher asked her pupils if anyone could come up with a sentence containing the word 'fascinate'. One pupil put up his hand and said, "I can, miss – my grandad has a waistcoat with 9 buttons, but he has put on so much weight that he can only fasten eight."

Word search Challenge

I.T.

All words are connected with information technology.



BACK-UP
BOOT UP
BUG
BYTE
CHIP
CODE
COMMAND
CONTROL
COPY

CORRUPT
CRASH
CURSOR
DATA
DELETE
DISK
DRIVE
EDIT
ENTER

ERROR
ESCAPE
FILE
FLOPPY
FORMAT
FUNCTION
HELP
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CIRCUIT NOTICES FOR MARCH 2018

Fri 2nd Ponteland. 2.15 p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Matthews RC

Sat 3rd Denton Burn. 4.30 p.m. Church Anniversary. with Fran Garrity, comedian. Tks. £3.

Sat 3rd Ponteland. 9.30 a.m. Meander - Leader TBA

Sat 3rd Westerhope. 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. Coffee Morning

Mon 5th Ponteland. 2.00 - 4.30 p.m. Open Door.

Fri 9th Blucher. 7.00 p.m. Beetle Drive and Quiz with pie and pea supper.

Sat 10th Lemington. 10.00 - 12.00 noon. Craft & chat. All welcome.

Mon 12th Ponteland. 2.00 - 4.30 p.m. Open Door.

Wed 14th Ponteland. 12noon. Bible Society Lunch at URC Broadway, Darras Hall.

Thur 15th Lemington. 1.15 p.m. Praying for the persecuted church.

Fri 16th Stamfordham. 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. Soup & Pud lunch at Church on the Green

Sat 17th Blucher. 10.00 a.m. Easter Coffee Morning.

Sat 17th Ponteland. 9.30 a.m. Meander - Weardale Way (part 2).

Mon 19th Ponteland. 2.00 - 4.30 p.m. Open Door.

Tue 20th Westerhope. 7.00 p.m. Circuit Meeting.

Wed 21st Westerhope. 4.00 – 5.30 p.m. Messy Church. Topic: The Easter Story.

Sat 24th Blucher. 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. Messy Church

Sat 24th Denton Burn. 7.00 p.m. Film Night.

Sat 24th Ponteland. 7.00 p.m. Concert hosted by Graeme Danby and Valerie Reid.
tickets from Syd Cowan (01661 824459)

Sat 24th Westerhope. 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. World Church Coffee Morning

Mon 26th Ponteland. 2.00 - 4.30 p.m. Open Door.

Tue 27th Ponteland. 2.30 p.m. Women's Fell/ship: Easter Com. Service led by Rev Jona.

Sat 31st Ponteland. 9.30 a.m. Meander led by Margaret Wells

Activities in the Church

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| Tues mthly | 1.30pm | Craft & Chat |
| Tue | 7.30pm | Choir Admurum Singers |
| Wed | 7.00pm | Bible Study. |
| Thur | 10.00am | The Garden Room |
| Thur | 1.15pm | Prayer Group |
| 1 st Sat Mth | 10.00am | Men's Coffee Fellowship. |
| 2 nd Thur Mth | 7.00pm | Photography Group |

Duty Rotas

March

| Date | Door am | Flowers | Cleaning |
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| 4 th | G Pyle | L Woodward | M Gibson |
| 11 th | E Richley | M Rundle | |
| 18 th | D Shaw | K Thorpe | |
| 25 th | B Philipson | E Richley | |

April

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| 1 st | M Gibson | J Stewart | M Dobby |
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Vestry Duty.

March

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| am | W Chinery | M Tulip | B Philipson | S Perry |

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If you are unable to fulfil your duties please find a substitute