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April 2023

A Word from John

Faith is the radar that sees through the fog (Corrie Ten Boom).

I was reflecting recently on Hebrews 11. It tells us all about faith in action, recounting the faith of our understanding of creation, the faith of Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham.

As the passage continues through the chapter, we hear of many more accounts of faith in action. Those stories throughout the Old Testament where people show their faith in God in challenging situations and circumstances.

But the most important verse, the key verse, for me is this: **“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”** (Hebrews 11:1).

As I think I’ve shared already in one of my sermons, a few years ago, while holidaying in the Lake District, I decided to climb the Old Man of Coniston, on my own (as you do!). The weather forecast wasn’t the best but I was prepared for the hike. As I approached the summit, the fog was so thick that I could see almost nothing around me, and the path petered out. It was quite a disturbing situation to be in – unfamiliar surroundings, not being able to see where I was going, or what was ahead. I began to doubt, too wrapped in a mental fog of doubt (on top of the thick fog I was already walking in).

Noah must have had a similar feeling when warned by God ‘about things not yet seen’, yet he still built the Ark in a desert, doubting what he was doing. Abraham too, when called by God to go, got up and went, ‘even though he did not know where he was going’. God was with them, and through their faith in Him, he led them out of the darkness, the confusion, the fear and the doubt, into everything he had promised them.

Now, I can’t claim that God told me to go up that particular mountain on that particular day, but I firmly believe that God was with me leading me out through the fog, and into safety on the other side. He led me out of the darkness and into the light that day.

So, as Cindy Hess Kasper writes in Our Daily Bread, remember “Though we have not seen Him and cannot always feel His presence, God is always present and will always help us through our darkest nights.”

The other verse that stuck out for me was verse 9: **“By faith [Abraham] made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country”** (Hebrews 11:9). Now I’m not exactly a stranger in a foreign country but it is a long time since I have lived in the North East. So much of it feels familiar, and so much feels so strange and different, but this is the place God has called me to come to, this is the place he has asked me to make home. So I put my trust in God and the plans he has for all of us here in Hartlepool, using faith as the radar that helps us to see through the fog, leading us into everything he has promised us.

Our faith comes from **‘confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see’**, and though we may not have seen Him and cannot always feel His presence, God is always present and will always help us through the fog.

Grace and Peace,

John

Mothers Union

Happy Easter.

I am looking forward to seeing all Mothers Union members at our next meeting, as we had to cancel our last session due to bad weather.

Our next meeting will take place on **Monday 3rd April at 1:30 pm**, as our original date – 10th April is a Bank Holiday.

Do come on April 3rd with a favourite poem, hymn or memory of Easter past. I always remember my Grandmother taking me shopping for a new outfit. We might make something for the Easter decorations in Church as well.

Please pray for members who are unwell, for strength to recover and for those who are in hospital or are recovering in a nursing home.

Looking ahead, this will be a busy year with the Coronation and we will also talk about that in our next meeting. We will discuss other future dates for our diaries.

Looking forward to seeing you on 3rd April.

God Bless

Ann Courtenay

The Substitute

I remember I was in my prison cell
Facing my final few hours on earth
When the guard called me to the door
Come here you've got a second chance

Dragged out and looking straight ahead
I saw a beaten badly tortured broken man
The Governor spoke as silence fell
I have for you a choice today

A man who is known as a thief and a vagabond
Compared to a man who has done no wrong
Whoever you cheer loudest for will gain his freedom
The other will face the cruel death of crucifixion

Thankfully they chose me Barabbas one of their own
The other guy lost his life and freedom that day
Yet history tells us that I will remain in the shadows
As My Substitute has become many another's substitute
All you have to is accept Him and try to live His way

From The Home Front

I have just returned from a seven week visit to family and friends in Australia and New Zealand. It was a complete change to leave a cold wet February UK and arrive in very hot and dry Western Australia and then New Zealand where there had be no rain since long before Christmas. The fire risk boards were all indicating 'HIGH' when I arrived. As our plane descended into Christchurch we flew over parched and yellow fields. Everywhere we went farmers had huge water sprinklers working to keep crops alive and to water the grass for livestock. When we arrived at my niece's small holding her garden and paddocks were dusty, dry and the grass almost non-existent. The only greener patches were under trees where the shade prevented the ground being parched by the sun.



Family dogs racing around the dry garden



The dry paddock – no grass for the horses.

Four days after our arrival a southerly wind blew in and brought heavy rain. It rained constantly for 24 hours. Within those 24 hours we saw small green shoots appear in the garden, the horses' paddock and the surrounding fields.



Green shoots appearing



We went away for two weeks to visit my nephew, who lives three hundred kilometres away in the mountains. While away the coastal farming plain where my niece lives, had another couple of days of intense rain. When we arrived back there the fields were transformed – green and lush! So much grass had grown that the cattle and sheep were able to graze and feed supplements were at minimum.



What a difference a few days rain made!



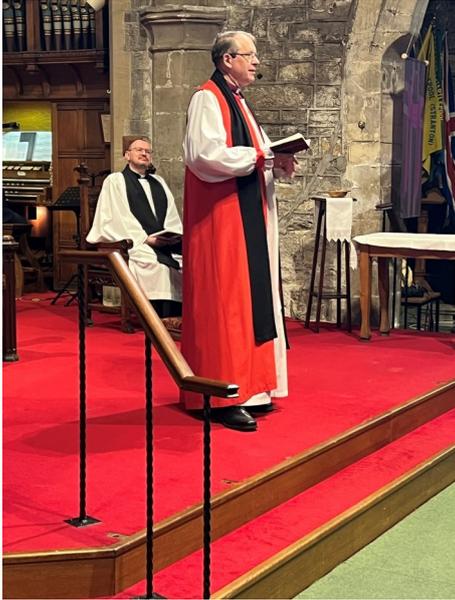
Damp enough for field mushrooms to sprout in the paddock!

I felt this time was a very visual example to me of the planting of God's word. His words fell on seemingly parched and dry ground, but with the right conditions growth was immediate and abundant. So if you know someone who has heard the word, then draw alongside and encourage them, give support and leadership. Demonstrate what being a Christian means through your actions and behaviour. This is the route to rapid growth and increasing maturity in faith. Be the water on the parched ground.....

J.A.R.

Rededication of the Bells

25th February



What a joyous event that was, the church was full of folk giving praise for the rededication of the bells with members of the congregation mingling with bell ringers from all over the north offering thanks for the bells being “back home”. The service was presided by Bishop Paul, who gave his customary insightful sermon. He commented that bells are used to celebrate good news and proclaim God’s presence, the news of His love for all and the benefits of team work. On ships, bells are used to indicate their position, but also used in nautical baptisms with the ship’s bell being used as a font. Many old Strantonians were present, including Daniel Cook, playing the organ with vim

and vigour, along with many members of the Maughan family, who’ve been a dedicated bell ringing presence for many decades. It was wonderful to hear the tuned bells being rung and through cameras in the bell tower to see them being rung too.

After the service, there was time to mingle and enjoy a buffet and renew old friendships. It’s worth reflecting that the bells have been rung for centuries at Stranton and one bell was discovered to have been cast in the year 1520, so it’s been rung here since pre reformation times, in the reign of Henry VIII.

Philip Maughan enjoyed returning to see the bells.



Daniel Cook led the music in the service

Inside the bell chamber via cameras



Stranton's Bells – The Story

Bells have rung out over Hartlepool for hundreds of years – the voice of the church speaking to the community. They remind everyone who hears them that the church is alive. They ring regularly to announce that worship is taking place. They ring for weddings and sometimes for funerals.

They ring for festivals, and they mark local and national events. Bells rung 'full circle' in the English style have a unique sound that has become part of our cultural heritage.

Bells have hung in All Saints Church, Stranton since at least the 16th century. The oldest bell hanging in the tower today was cast in Nottingham around 1520. Two further bells were hung in the tower until 1907 when Mears & Stainbank, part of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry added a further 5 to make the present ring of 8.

Hartlepool has nearly 30 people of different ages who ring the bells at Stranton, St Aidan's and St Oswald's on a regular basis. In recent years, with the increased frequency of ringing at Stranton, it was noticed that the bells were becoming difficult to ring as well as being out of tune.

John Pladdys, who learned to ring in his youth at Stranton, offered a generous donation towards having the bells refurbished. Consequently, in 2020, the bells and their fittings were surveyed showing that without significant work they would become unringable within a few years. It was also clear that they needed retuning.

A project began in 2021, with the aim:

- To replace all the bell fittings to ensure another 100 or more years without more than minor maintenance being necessary
- To retune the bells
- To refurbish the bell frame to ensure its continued use

The project was carried out by John Taylor & Co (Bellfounders) of Loughborough and their subcontractors with significant assistance from the Hartlepool bellringers. The only way to remove the bells to Loughborough was by crane through the belfry west window, a not insignificant undertaking!

Once at Taylor's it was seen that the No 4 bell could not be satisfactorily tuned due to the thinness of metal around the shoulder. Jim Crowther, a fellow bellringer, donated a replacement which is dedicated to Andrew Kaye former Tower Captain at Stranton and to his family, Ailsa, Iona, Cleo and Lara. The original now hangs for striking as a Service Bell.

The project has cost a considerable amount. The donation from John Pladdys has been most useful in encouraging others, both individuals, families and charitable organisations to donate or grant money.

It is with pleasure that we list the following for their support, without which this project could not have been completed.

John Pladdys
The Maughan family
The Lawson family
The Pidd family
The Batty family
Mr Jim Crowther
Alex Pym
Andrew and Elspeth Craig
Chris Lees
Doreen Latham
Barbara Sutton
Andrew and Pat Frost

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers
The Central Council of Church Bellringers
The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust
The Sir John Priestman Trust
The Catherine Cookson Trust
The Diocese of Durham
The Benefact Trust
The Hartlepool Guild of Bellringers

Communities of Hope

The work of the Communities of Hope continues to thrive and develop. Here we look at the aspect of outreach to children and families.

Assemblies continue to be taken at 5 different schools with another school, Eskdale Academy now being added to the list. There have been RE visits to church and RE lessons discussing what it means to be a Christian. The weekly RE club at Jesmond Gardens Primary is well attended and clearly enjoyed by the children.

Similarly the new Play and Praise group held at St Matthew's Community Centre is growing in popularity. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel in a different way with toddlers and their parents/grandparents.

Leading the weekly Toddler's group at St Matthew's Community Centre, is a pleasure and a wonderful way to build good relationships with young families in the local community.

Easter promises to be a very busy period, extra activities include:

- 1 Stranton Primary School Easter Service at All Saints Stranton.
- 2 Jesmond Gardens Primary School : Easter Service at St Luke's.
- 3 Y5/Y6 Stranton Primary School: RE visit to All Saints Stranton to look at Easter in more depth.
- 4 Special Easter Assemblies at Eskdale Academy and Kingsley Primary School.
- 5 Ward Jackson Primary School: Easter special event for families, including a meal.
- 6 Assisting with Eggheads at St Matthew's Community Centre.
- 7 Easter Holiday Club at St Luke's Church.

So overall the work is going well. I look forward to seeing it develop further. Please continue to pray for this important ministry. Many thanks to all the volunteers who support this work without which it couldn't happen.

Hayley Liversidge
Community Children & Families Worker
Communities of Hope

Communities of Hope weekly activities

- "A Bit of God Time" in St Aidan's Church on Tuesday from 1:30pm to 2:30 pm. (NB Venue change)
- "Play and Praise" toddler sessions (FREE) Mondays 10-11.15am at St Matthew's Community Centre
- Women's support group, Mondays 1.00 - 3.00pm at St Matthew's Community Centre

**YF (Youth Fellowship) A Female Leader required.
We would really like to balance out a male and female leader
for each week. So please consider if you can help?**

We meet as a group every Sunday evening in Stranton Church at 7:00pm till 8:30pm. The ages range from 11 years old (Y7) to 18. We have 8 youth attending at the moment.

The leader would be a part of the team of leaders on the rota, so not expected to attend every week, we do attend every other week at the moment, if we got two new leaders that could be fewer attendances!

Each week one leader is in charge of the session, they would use the Rock Solid material which gives a list of games and a short talk on a theme for each session. The other leader there that night is to give support during the session. At the moment each leader would lead a whole session once every three weeks.

We do have a tuck shop and chat slot at the start of each evening. Then the games and talk followed by games of the youths choosing.

We also have film nights, cooking nights and trips to The Pulse in Durham Cathedral. This is all term times only.

A Church DBS and some Safeguarding Training are required.

If you are interested in the position or would like further information about it please contact Rev Clive Hall on 07804530120.

God you are.....

God you are powerful and mighty
God you are Creator, redeemer, healer
And yet you call me friend.

God you are holy, majestic,
Powerful and yet so gentle.

God you are merciful, forgiving,
Full of justice. God you are approachable.
There is nothing I do or not do that can make you love me less.

God you are good, kind, patient and true, no one can compare to
you.

God you are everlasting, understanding
All your ways are true.
God there's no one else like you.

God you reign, you rule,
God you are everlasting.

God you are God and I am not.

Easter Quiz

- 1) What day did Jesus enter Jerusalem?
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- 24) What did the young men say to the women?
- 25) Who was the gardener Mary met?

Bonus Points

Who told the governor to have nothing to do with this man?

How many times did Peter deny Jesus?

Who doubted Jesus?

Who were bribed by the Authorities?

What did the soldiers gamble for during the crucifixion?

Made in the image of God.

I was talking with someone the other night who said about herself “ I’m grossly overweight”

I can tell you she wasn’t.

It has taken me over 50 years to actually talk to someone about my body image issues.

I can tell you now that I’m still learning, but I’m learning to say to myself. “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He created him; male and female created He them.”

Genesis 1:27 KJVAE

The world however tells me I should look a certain way and weigh a lot less!

God says of me and you “You were made in God’s image.”

When we berate ourselves for not looking a certain way or self-loathing. We are saying to God that He made a creative mess! We were created to be His image bearers. What does it mean to be His image bearer! It means to show His character, being loving, showing mercy full of kindness etc.

Micah 6:8

What does the Lord require of you?

To act Justly

To love mercy

To walk humbly with your God.

Another scripture says,

‘Love your neighbour as yourself’. That is a difficult one to put into practise, if we are not loving ourselves, how can we love our neighbour? We need to love ourselves, love what God created us to be.

Comparison is a thief of joy. God never compares what He creates.

When God created this amazing world, He saw what He had made and said it was good.

He didn’t make a giraffe and then a hippo and say “oh boy that’s too fat and that’s too skinny.” Or “I wish that hippo looked a bit more like that giraffe! “

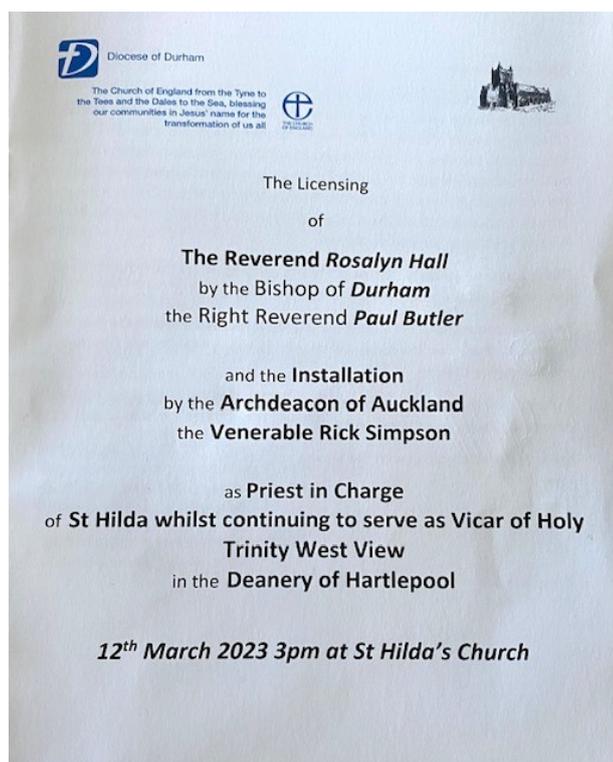
He saw both of them and said “They are good.”

Let’s live as God image bearers, being what He created us to be.

Ang Hall

The installing of Rev Roz Hall at St Hilda's Church on Sunday 12th March

It was good to see the former Stranton member Roz Hall, who is now Vicar of Holy Trinity West View being installed as Priest in Charge of St Hilda's Church on the Headland as well as continuing in her role as Vicar of Holy Trinity.



Pastor Jim Frease

When you **love** God,
you **love** the Word of God.
When you **love** the Word of God,
you **look** at the Word of God.
When you **look** at the Word of God,
you **learn** the Word of God.
When you **learn** the Word of God,
you **live** the Word of God.

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Ward Jackson Primary School



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Aurora Class were extremely excited this afternoon and some a little anxious as we visited Hartlepool Power Station!

We learned absolutely all sorts about how electricity is made using turbines, how they have their own police and fire services and most importantly we got to tour the station itself!

Some budding STEM careers I'm sure.



Ward Jackson Primary School



1 h · 🌐

Aurora Class Y3's took part in their Pedestrian Road Safety this week and all passed with flying colours!

Well done to all of you!

Thank you to [Let's Go Tees Valley](#) for their great work.



Year 6 Visit to Dukeshouse Wood Activity Centre February

It's been a busy 24 hours for us at Dukeshouse Wood. We had a great evening at the campfire last night, 3G swing, fencing, den building and problem solving this morning. The post came today with a special delivery from school for all our campers. We're looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon and the disco this evening.



Everyone had a great night sleep. It's been a busy morning already with showers, room inspection, breakfast and now we're onto our first activities of the day - aeroball and climbing.



Forest School

Great day again this week in the forest with [Ward Jackson Primary School](#) mud monsters, forest watches, bird feeders and much much more. Well done everyone 😊



YF in Durham Cathedral

The Pulse Youth event in Durham Cathedral was enjoyed by all who attended. There was amazing worship. John Archer the magician was very good. It was an encouraging night for all. Our Youth loved it and so did I!
Rev Clive





Boys Brigade



January Lego Night



Building to reach for the stars with Company Lads



Anchor Boys have been learning about Zacchaeus, mosaics, Jesus and the Roman Centurion, also a dot to dot of Jesus calming the storm (very difficult if you can't count up to 80), also skipping and lots of games.

Juniors have been figure marching including the letters M N H and T; plus we have held a domino rally and a draughts night.

Both Anchors and Juniors had an arresting time when our friend PC Mark Say visited us and explained how his drone technology worked and this was followed by a Lego night led by an old Member Joe Robinson.



4th Hartlepool Boys' Brigade

18 m · 🌐

We hadan arresting time when our friend P C Mark Say visited our Anchor Boys last night



Company Lads including our two Duty NCO's have progressed very well with drill this session plus all Lads have taken part in sports, Quizzes and leadership exercises

All the Boys looked forward to a Bacon Butty on Sunday 26th March and Church Parade.

The Junior and Anchor Boys are looking forward to Easter Eggheads from Monday 27th-Friday 31st March and hopefully some Company Lads will help out.

After the Easter Holidays we will look forward to the Coronation and our summer programme.

George Bainbridge

Easter Quiz Answers

Easter Quiz

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| 1) What day did Jesus enter Jerusalem? | Psalm Sunday |
| 2) What did the people shout? | Hosanna |
| 3) What did they wave? | Palm Branches |
| 4) What did they lay on the floor? | Cloaks |
| 5) What did Jesus turn over at the temple? | Tables |
| 6) What did Jesus say the sellers had made it into? | A den of thieves |
| 7) Where was the last Supper held? | Upper Room |
| 8) Who was the High Priest? | Caiaphas |
| 9) What do the bread and wine represent? | Body and Blood of Jesus |
| 10) What is the Thursday of Holy Week called? | Maundy |
| 11) What mount was nearby? | Olive |
| 12) Who betrayed Jesus with a kiss? | Judas Iscariot |
| 13) Who did Jesus heal after he was arrested? | Malchus -the guard's ear |
| 14) Who was the Roman Governor? | Pontius Pilate |
| 15) The crowd were given a choice of either Jesus or ? | Barabbas |
| 16) How did the Roman Governor show he thought Jesus was innocent? | Washed his hands |
| 17) Who was crucified with Jesus? | two robbers |
| 18) Where did the Crucifixion take place? | Golgotha (or Calvary) |
| 19) What was placed on to the head of Jesus? | Crown of thorns |
| 20) Who helped Jesus to carry the cross? | Simon of Cyrene |
| 21) When Jesus died what happened at the temple? | The curtain was ripped in two |
| 22) What did the Roman Centurion say about Jesus? | That He was the Son of God |
| 23) What was rolled across the tomb? | Large stone |
| 24) What did the young men say to the women? | Why look for the living amongst the dead |
| 25) Who was the gardener Mary met? | Jesus |

Bonus Points

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| Who told the governor have nothing to do with his man? | Pilate's wife |
| How many times did Peter deny Jesus? | 3 times |
| Who doubted Jesus? | Thomas |
| Who were bribed by the Authorities? | The Guards |
| What did the soldiers gable for during the crucifixion? | Christ's robe |

Birds of a Feather

When driving from Seaton to join Mainsforth Terrace look to your left and you will see lots of cowslips growing in the grass. These weren't there when I returned to Hartlepool 23 years ago but have become more abundant year by year. I'm hoping that the proposed houses don't get built on the site from where the old bridge is used to cross the railway line.

My garden is now starting to bloom with the spring bulbs which I planted very late - well after Christmas. My friend's old dog Indie has no manners (she was kept by breeders as a puppy machine!), when she visits she sits on flowers and ploughs through daffodils, knocking over plant pots on her way.

The birds are becoming bolder, as there are more of them every day. I notice already that nesting sites are having 'inspections'. I was a bit concerned with the sparrows, seemingly pulling beak-fuls off the tamarisk tree, but upon a closer view, realised that the birds were already eating tiny grubs – it was a sunny day!

We have had some very wild seas with high tides so no beach walks for Ember, my black lab, as she would be swept away chasing her ball. The beach is getting cleaner now but we still find dead birds and lots of small sea creatures along with layers of barnacles and other shells. I'm hoping we can soon go to the dunes to find the plants which appear in spring and summer.

As winter turns into spring and as Easter arrives we gather together in church to celebrate this momentous time in our Christian calendar. The past 3 years have been difficult due to covid and many people have been worn down by ill health. Let's pray that meeting together to celebrate Easter will bring a renewal of our faith and give us joy in being able to worship together.

Happy Easter

Ann Courtenay



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2023

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Residents are inviting you to come along to*

St Matthew's Community Centre

Saturday 6th May 2023

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles

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confirmed*

Holiday meet up!



I started my long holiday in Perth Australia. It was impossible to travel to the other side of the world and not make the effort to drive 20 miles to Fremantle to meet up with Mother Gemma! It was wonderful to see her so happy and settled in her new life and parish. We chatted for over an hour over fruit juice and fries! She sends her love to all her former parishioners – you are still held in her prayers with love.

J.A.R.

Messy Easter

GOOD FRIDAY

7th April 2023
10:00 a.m. to 11:30

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Easter Crafts

Hot Cross Buns

Easter Story

Singing

The Apple Tree Worship night 12th February



This was Stranton church tonight.
Appletree were the great worship band, we had
laser lights, ice machine, confetti canon. Great
night was had by all.



Special effects and lighting were thanks to Artistic Solutions

We are planning to set up a **Bereavement Support Group** in conjunction with St Luke's. There will be a meeting at St Matthew's Community Centre on Saturday 1st April at 2:00 pm to discuss this. We will be meeting in the ASDA room, using the side entrance near the office.

Anyone who is interested in being involved with the group, please come to the meeting or, if you are unable to attend or would like more information talk to Pam Stockton or Rev John about it.

HARTLEPOOL Town Pastors

Known as the "street angels", are seeking volunteers. If you're the kind of person who can share difficulties and help someone get home safely on Saturday nights, please make contact. The team would ask you to join a night patrol (10.30pm to 3am) as an observer without pressure to join. Not for you? If your skills are indoors and daylight hours, HTP also need help with kit, messages and admin.

For first contact, email: aide.hartlepooltownpastors@outlook.com



Please pray for the head, staff, children and governors of Ward Jackson CE Primary School as they become a part of Durham and Newcastle Learning Trust from 1st April. This is an exciting time for the school providing additional support and opportunities in the future. There will be no changes to how the school functions or to the curriculum, name or uniform. You may notice the appearance of the Trust's logo in the school entrance in the next few weeks if you look carefully.

*St Matthew's
Community Centre
Elwick Road*



Please come and join us

Saturday 1st April 2023

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Coffee or Tea, Cake and Company

*A time to spend together,
meet new people, make new friends*

Dates for the Diary

Dates for April

Sat 1st April	Coffee Cake & Cuppa 2:00pm in St Matthew's CC
Sun 2nd April	Bereavement Group Meeting 2:00pm Asda Room Palm Sunday
Holy Week	
Mon 3rd April	Meditation on Stranton Facebook
Tues 4th April	Meditation on Stranton Facebook
Wed 5th April	Meditation on Stranton Facebook
Thurs 6th April	Maundy Thursday Service at St Luke's
Fri 7th April	Messy Easter 10:00-11:30 St Matthew's CC Two Hours Meditation 12:00-2:00pm One hour at the Cross 2:00-3:00pm
Sun 9th April	Easter Sunday
Sun 23rd April	Rev Clive's final service
Sun 30th April	APCM in Stranton church after 11:00am service
Sat 6th May	Coronation of King Charles celebration at St Matthew's CC
Sat 13th May	The Burn 24/7 Worship Evening
Mon 22nd May	Rev Clive installation in Withernsea

St Luke's

Thurs 6th April - 7:00 to 8:30 Maundy Thursday Service + Meal
(Please let Julia Taylor know if you intend to go 01429 281122
julia@stlukeschurch.plus.com)

St Aidan's and St Columba's

Mon 3rd April	7:00 Compline on St Aidan's Facebook page
Tues 4th April	7:00 Compline on St Aidan's Facebook page
Wed 5th April	7:00 Compline on St Aidan's Facebook page
Sat 8th April	7:00 Vigil at St Aidan's

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