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Growing together with Jesus
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Power of the Holy Spirit**

February 2025

Show Me Your Way... (The musings of a priest)

Before Christmas, I was blessed to have the opportunity to go away for a few days on retreat. It was the first time for several years that I've been able to do this, but it's a valuable part of the life of a priest, and it can be a hugely beneficial experience for anyone to be fair.



Having been there twice before, I chose again to go to the Northumbria Community, in Felton, in order to spend time searching for and listening to God. It's a very special place, immersed in the Northumbrian countryside, an area steeped in the rich history of the Celtic Saints. While I was there, I took the opportunity venture out into some of these special places – St Cuthbert's Cave, St Aidan's Church in Bamburgh, and Holy Island itself, as I sought to rest in God's presence.



As I spent time sitting with God, looking over Cuthbert's Island, one phrase kept coming back to me – Lord Jesus, Show Me Your Way. It's a phrase that was captured in a framed print in my room at Northumbria Community (a copy of which now resides in my study). It's a phrase which occurs in the psalms (Psalm 25:4 "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths"; Psalm 86:11 "Teach me your ways, Lord, that I may rely on your

faithfulness"; Psalm 143:8 "Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life), and it's a phrase which spoke to me, a prayer that called to me, time and again while on retreat.

God spoke to me through these words, as I walked through the cold, wet, muddy pathways to Cuthbert's Cave – just me and God (and the sound of birds), not another soul in sight. He spoke to me as I sat overlooking Cuthbert's Island cut off by the tide, the sun rippling off the waves. He spoke as I walked a pilgrimage trail around Holy Island, taking in St Mary's Church, the Statue of St Aidan, the Priory, the Castle, the shoreline, and across the water, Bamburgh and the Farne Islands.

Sometimes it felt as though he was indeed speaking words to me, or placing thoughts on my heart. At other points, he spoke through the sounds and sights of the world around me, steadying the ship, bringing peace and restoration. Showing me his way.

But God can only speak to us, only teach us, only show us his ways, when we stop, and listen. If all we do is just continue to bounce from one thing, to the next, to the next, then we don't take the time to listen to God. We don't prioritise him, so he can show us his ways. It left me wondering what changes I need to make in order to truly live my life in such a way that without God, it makes no sense. What do I have to say 'no' to, in order to be able to say 'yes' to God, 'yes' to the path he wants me to follow, 'yes' to being all in for whatever he calls me to do?

As I reflected on these and other thoughts during my retreat, I was struck by these words from Isaiah 30. 'This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength..." Our strength and salvation come from God, but in order to receive them, we have to let him show us his ways, that in turn comes from repentance, forgiveness, trusting in him, and allowing ourselves to quietly rest in his presence.

In this New Year, may we all find time and space to rest in the presence of God, and allow him to show each of us his ways.

Grace and peace,

Rev'd John

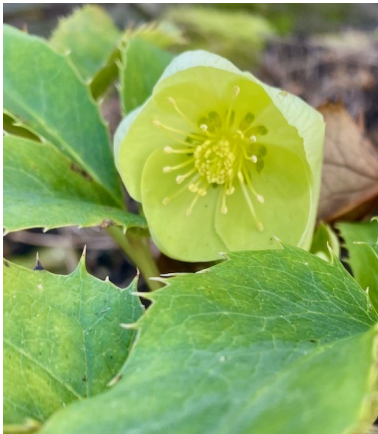


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From the Home Front

I am very aware of God's sense of humour, but I always feel it is a demonstration of His love for us... As I started to write it looked as if at long last the freezing cold weather of early January had receded and there were some hopeful signs of spring on the horizon. Despite the calendar indicating 31 days in January, it always feels to have at least 40 days! The days are still short and dark, the weather cold and often miserable, finances have been stretched over the Christmas period and worries about paying fuel bills, keeping warm and eating are a niggling worry. Keeping safe in icy weather and a spike in winter illnesses plus a rise in deaths of elderly and sick relatives and friends adds to the general feeling of doom and gloom.



Today as I started to write, despite the windchill making the temperature feel 0C, things were somehow feeling more upbeat. The sun had shone all day and the sky had been blue. We watched families, children and dogs have fun on the beach (albeit well wrapped up!). We managed a walk on the promenade and a good look around the garden. The early daffodil, crocus and snowdrop bulbs have flower heads almost ready to open. The celandine were opening, as were my winter roses. Everything felt more upbeat and positive.

However move on three hours after sunset and the temperature had plummeted to -3C, the cars were covered in hard frost and the pavements were white. The next morning on our way into church the temperature was 0C and it was trying to snow from the grey overcast sky!

I feel that I need to remind myself that God is with me on these dark days, the days which seem to be filled with anxiety and sadness, the days when things go wrong or I feel 'out of sorts'. I need to tune in to God – to speak to Him, to let go of the bad things, but also to be more aware of the blessings, the kindnesses, the examples of His creativity and beauty all around us; to trust in His plan and to hope for all He has to give me joy in my life – the big and the small. His love and grace are boundless.

Tower stonework restoration – an update

As you come into Stranton Church you will see that the scaffolding around the tower has been taken down after the completion of 16 weeks of building work, as the conservation and renovation work was finished just in time for the bells to be rung for Christmas.

The tower is not the oldest part of Stranton Church, which is actually to be found at the east end dating back to the 1120's - and in a number of Saxon era carved stones from an even earlier structure: but the tower does date back to the 14th century. Stranton Church is listed as a building of national historical and architectural interest (Grade II*). Extensive renovations were carried out in the 1970's that included a new roof and pinnacles and renovation of the West window, but a combination of industrial pollution, poor quality 19th century repointing and extreme stormy weather in recent winters had led to worryingly fast dilapidation. Problems of stone and pointing erosion, water penetration damage and extreme weathering of clock faces and hands were emerging as pressing concerns at the time when the bells were being refurbished two years ago.



The decision to proceed with repairs was taken by the PCC this time last year and the specification, tendering and management of works was conducted through the Church's architect Hugh Massey, with the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee and Archdeacon.

In addition to drawing down available endowment Trust funds in excess of £60,000 held on our behalf for the conservation of the Church building by the Diocese of Durham, the PCC applied for and secured grant aid from various charitable organisations that support historic buildings, including Benefact Trust, Northumbria Historic Churches Trust, Catherine Cookson Foundation and the Durham Diocesan Buildings Fund. In view of our "listed building" status we were also able to secure a "Listed Place of Worship" grant from the government to cover the VAT on the building works. The remainder of the costs were covered by some generous donations, some fundraising for us by Hartlepool Ladies Choir, and a dip into our general reserves of £20,000 towards total costs of £150,000. We take this opportunity to thank all our benefactors, including our bellringers who helped to tidy up and clean the bell fittings afterwards.

We are privileged to have an attractive building for worship and to have very active bellringing taking place in our tower, both of which draw visitors and local people to our Church, which we see as an abiding place of worship in a continuity of faith over many centuries of service to the local community. This year we will be celebrating the 900th anniversary of the earliest record of the Church lands being dedicated to Christian service by Robert de Brus.

We hope you will be able to join us in this 900th Year of Celebration of Faith.

David Craig

Joan Donnelly



Some may remember my mother Joan Donnelly, who was for many years an active worshipper at Stranton Church. Sadly she died on 9th January after a very short illness, only a few months short of her 100th birthday. A service has been arranged for 13th February at Edgar Newman Crematorium in Kettering. We give thanks, now that her race is run, that she is with her Saviour and Lord.

If anyone would like to pass on any memories of Mum, please feel free to contact me, Rev Mark Donnelly on mdonners58@gmail.com

Every blessing in Jesus.

Joan latterly lived in The Sycamores before moving to live with one of her sons in Kettering, probably over 15 years ago. Joan was a spirit filled lady who we were privileged to take to Churches Together Lent Courses and to Sunday services. Her quiet faith was inspirational to us as young Christian parents. A faithful servant of the Lord.

Editor

The Gift of 2025



You have been given a huge gift, it's the gift of 2025. It's gift wrapped with a bright beautiful bow. You gently untie the bow and the sides of the box falls open. A sense of anticipation floods you, along with wonder and a touch of apprehension of what this year will bring.

The gift is now wide open, its vastness is overwhelming. You see that it's a multi-faceted gift, it has so many parts to it. You cannot see its end from its beginning. In the centre of the gift is the one who was with you all through 2024. He is shining radiantly. His arms are wide open and He calls you to come to Him. As you walk towards Him, He asks you to take His hand. He says to you "Do not look too far ahead, keep holding my hand, bathe in my light"

He continues to whisper words of encouragement to you.

"We are going to walk through this gift together, no looking back now."

"I'll show you the wonder of each new day, if you let me."

"I will guide you and keep my loving eye upon you". Psalm 32:8

"I will lead you and prompt you in when you should be saying 'Yes' and when you should say 'No'."

"As you walk closely beside me, just holding my hand. Your old companions of anxiety, fear, doubt and people pleasing will dissolve."

The gift of 2025 is like a blanket of white snow which has never been trodden on, it's brand new, so go into this gift with fresh eyes. It's a new beginning, so allow yourself a fresh start, but give others that gift too. "Let go of past hurts, let go of unforgiveness. Take no burdens from last year".

The giver of this gift loves you so much and promises never to leave you or forsake you He says to you;

'See I am doing something brand new, something unheard of. Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. Don't you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert'. Isaiah Ch 43:19

Ang Hall

Central Hartlepool Group New Year Meal

Around 50 congregation members of Stranton, St Luke's and St Aidan's with St Columba's met in the upper room at the Golden Lion pub to enjoy food and fellowship. Revd John, Revd Becky and Revd Andrew all attended.

The evening was organised by Helen Rochester and Kathrine Batty, with a Hartlepool themed quiz provided by Julia Taylor, many thanks to them for all their hard work. There was a choice of starters, main



courses and desserts which were all delicious and with the prompt service all arrived at the appropriate temperature. A convivial evening was enjoyed by all.



A raffle with a wide array of prizes raised over £116 for the St Aidan's Kitchen. The quiz was won by the pictured Stranton table.

J.A.R.

What Jesus never said: "Feed the hungry only if they have papers." "Clothe the naked only if they're from your country." "Welcome the stranger only if there's zero risk." "Help the poor only if it's convenient." "Love your neighbor only if they look like you."

— James Martin, S.J.

Central Churches Mission Team Children & Families Work

Christmas may seem a long time ago now, but looking back to the end of 2024 it was a very busy and blessed time for the outreach to children and families.



The Christmas Tree Festival saw about 100 children plus staff come to St Columba's to look at the trees and learn about the Christmas Story. One afternoon a group of adults and children came to see the trees, make decorations and enjoy festive refreshments. Most stayed the whole time and there was a lovely community atmosphere.

350 children plus staff from Stranton Primary School came to Stranton Church for a Christmas Celebration. Also 300 children plus staff came to St Luke's Church for a Christmas Service. One teacher commented at the end, 'I feel as if I've really had my Christmas now, I've been to church.'

There was a Christingle Service held at St Aidan's Primary School for children and families of their Year 3 class.

60 Christmas hampers were packed and delivered to St Aidan's, Jesmond Gardens and Ward Jackson Primary Schools. They were delighted to receive them and distributed them to families in their schools. Each hamper contained church information and the Christmas Story.

The end of term Toddler's party was great fun, particularly when the children had a visit from Father Christmas and received presents!

On Christmas Eve there was a Pop Up Nativity in which all members of the congregation participated. I enjoyed playing the part of a mouse detective, dressed up - all part of the work.

So what now in January? The work continues to blossom.

Assemblies are booked at Ward Jackson, St Aidan's, Jesmond Gardens, Stranton and Rift House Primary Schools. The two weekly RE Clubs at Stranton and Jesmond Gardens Primary School have started up again. RE lessons for the whole of KS2 at Rift House Primary School are booked.

Thursday mornings I continue to attend St Aidan's Kitchen, providing hot drinks but particularly talking to the young families that come and hearing their stories.

As I write we are working on a new initiative to reach out to young families with the Gospel. Watch out for more details as they emerge.

My sincere thanks as always to those who make this ministry possible by volunteering and through prayer. Please continue to pray for this work and consider if you want to join in if you don't already.

Blessings,

Hayley Children & Families Worker
Central Hartlepool Group Mission Team

Central Hartlepool Mission Project Christmas Hampers

Sixty hampers containing Christmas treats were distributed between three local primary schools. Each school gifted hampers as they felt appropriate to families.

Many thanks to the volunteers from Stranton and St Luke's who bought and packed the hampers and to Hayley for distributing them.



Staff receive the hampers at St Aidan's CE School.

Ward Jackson CE Primary were delighted to receive their hampers.



Hampers were collected from St Matthew's Community Centre by Jesmond Gardens Primary



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Christmas Eve Family Service Pop Up Nativity

Who do you recognise? Are some folk being typecast?



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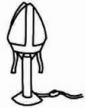
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This hit home for me

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away?

Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside?

Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C...compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

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Wedding of Lizelke Klindt and James Shelton



We were privileged to be invited to the wedding of Lizelke Klindt and James Shelton on the Saturday before last Christmas. We hope many of you will remember Lizelke from her time with Stranton Church and the Central Hartlepool Group as a Ministry Experience Volunteer (“MEV”) in 2021.

Lizelke’s placement with Stranton Church coincided with the lockdowns of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which meant two particular things for us and for her: it placed constraints on which activities Lizelke could be involved in leading and supporting ministry, although she did some preaching in Stranton and was involved in the introduction of online streaming of worship, as

well as participating in weekday outreach activities with the Group Mission Project. It also meant more fundamentally that Lizelke was unable to return to her family in South Africa as planned, at the end of her placement and so became instead part of our household “for the duration” - which was a great blessing for us in sharing fellowship and faith journeys in those strange and difficult times: the enforced delay did also mean that Lizelke had time and space to complete her doctoral thesis for Durham University “Unveiling the True Colours of Red Quasars”, which she had commenced in 2016 and was able finally to submit in early 2022.

The acknowledgements and thanks in her thesis include “Hartlepool Church Family and friends, in particular Revd. Norman and his wife Julie for their support and prayers.” The preface includes her statement “Finally, my PhD journey has not ended with me being a step closer to wearing a space suit, but it has brought me so much closer to the destiny God has dreamt for me all along. I set out on this journey when God called me to England with the words from Psalm 27:1, “Dominus Illuminatea mea” which means, “The Lord is my light”, and along the way I have learned to look at the Cosmos not only at multi-wavelengths to unravel the mysteries of red quasars, but also at the wavelength of “faith” so I could come to know its Creator more deeply. Therefore, every word that is written in this thesis, I have written for the glory of my Heavenly Father! “

After a brief stay in South Africa, Lizelke came back to the UK for ministry training at Ridley Hall Theological College in Cambridge where she is now in her final year and to be presented for ordination as Deacon in June. Her husband James is also a member of Ridley Hall already serving as a curate in East Anglia. James grew up in Norfolk and was previously among other things a sports commentator for Radio Norwich. His particular interests include pilgrimage journeys. We hope their future pilgrimage together may at some time include a visit to Hartlepool!

Please pray for Lizelke and James in their life and ministry together.

Angela and David Craig

Ward Jackson CE Primary Update

Wow - what a performance by Ward Jackson's very own Christmas choir. They were amazing! Thank you to all our families, friends and shoppers for supporting our wonderful performers. A special thank you to our staff for all their hard work – the children did us proud.



We had the best time at [Hartlepool College of Further Education](#) Christmas fayre, taking part in activities and meeting Santa! 🎅 A big thank you to the staff and students who went to so much effort to make sure everyone had a great time 🎄



What a fantastic annual ice skating trip for Ward Jackson! Lots of smiling faces the children were courageous and resilient.

[#wardjacksonway](#)



A wonderful Christmas themed stay and play today with our Tugboats class. The children absolutely loved sharing their setting and activities with their grown-ups - lots of lovely memories made. [#wardjacksonway](#)



A wonderful Christingle service by Sarah from New Springs Church. The children all made their own Christingle and reflected on the meaning of each part. [#wardjacksonway](#)



Au Revoir to David Akers Ward Jackson CE Primary Head

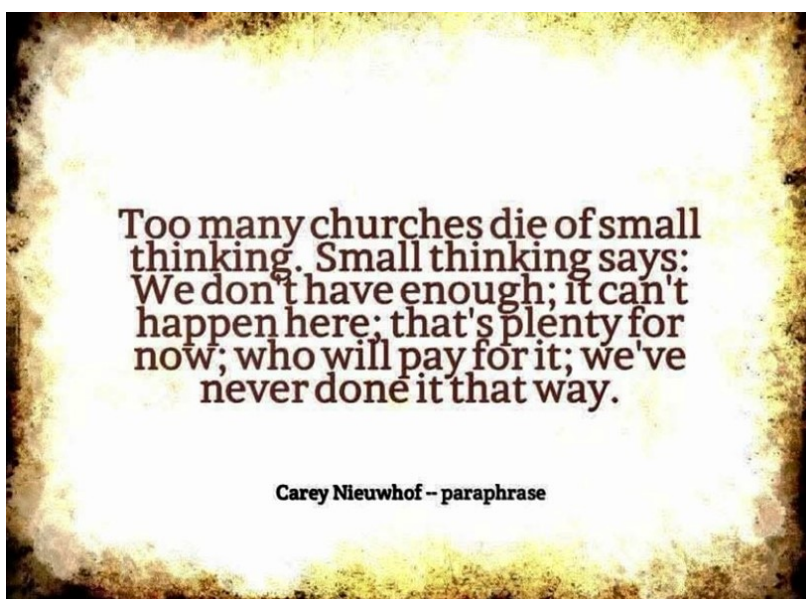


Gill Booth welcomes David Akers.

The outgoing leader of the diocesan education team met with David to welcome him to his new role.

David Akers, the former headteacher at Ward Jackson CofE Primary in Hartlepool, will take over the role of Diocesan Director of Education (DDE) for Durham and Newcastle dioceses from early January.

Gill Booth, the Interim DDE said: “David brings experience of leadership in church schools and a genuine interest in enabling children and young people to grow both educationally and spiritually. I wish David and the team every success from January onwards, as they seek to support our schools in living out their Christian vision.”



Christianity can be confusing, but
the way of Jesus was pretty clear.

Move toward the poor
Empower the woman
Create space at the table
Throw parties
Widen the family boundaries
Poke holes in oppressive systems
Don't retaliate with violence
Forgive your enemy
Don't store up wealth
Be present with people

Heal
Announce
Push back darkness

The kingdom of God is near

—Dan Sadlier

St Luke's Pre Christmas Cheese and Wine Evening



Good wine, soft drinks and an array of cheeses, breads and fruit.



A number of quizzes to keep everyone busy while they ate.



Carols to round off the evening and fill everyone with the Christmas spirit.

Did you know there's a prayer called the "I don't know" prayer?

You just go somewhere quiet and you sit at the feet of God and you say "I don't know" I don't know where to go from here. I don't know what is happening. I don't know how to process this. I don't know what to do with these emotions. I don't know how to handle this situation. And then with whatever little grain of faith you have, you say, "but you know." And you leave it there. God most certainly hears your prayer.

Wesley Covenant Prayer

**I AM NO LONGER MY OWN, BUT THINE
PUT ME TO WHAT THOU WILT, RANK ME WITH WHOM THOU WILT.
PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING.**

**LET ME BE EMPLOYED FOR THEE OR LAID ASIDE FOR THEE.
LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING.
I FREELY AND HEARTILY YIELD ALL THINGS
TO THY PLEASURE AND DISPOSAL.
AND NOW, O GLORIOUS AND BLESSED GOD,
FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT,
THOU ART MINE AND I AM THINE.**

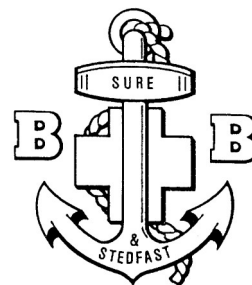
SO BE IT.

**AND THE COVENANT WHICH I HAVE MADE ON EARTH,
LET IT BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN.**

AMEN.



Boys Brigade



Our first night of 2025 started with our annual Christmas card jigsaw challenge.



The Juniors Section battle it out trying our latest set of games gear.



New Year Restart

We have just restarted and have room for new beginners in all sections.

Devotions are based on the Boys Brigade Vesper:

Great God who knowest all our needs
Bless thou our watch and guard our sleep;
Forgive our sins of thought and deed,
And in thy peace thy servants keep.
We thank thee for the day that's done
We trust thee for the days to be;
Thy love we learn in Christ thy Son,
O may we all His glory see!
Amen

As you can read the words are old fashioned but the message of God's care and love for us is very relevant in 2025.

Future Plans

We hope to receive a visit from our friend PC Mark Say in the near future and this year we will be camping at Birch Scout Centre near Scarborough.

We have also recruited a new leader Mr Declan Moore who is going to serve in the Junior and Company Section.

Christmas Activities Summary

During December we held a Carol Service, a Fayre (final total raised was £1480), produced Christmas crafts, had a Christmas meal and a did a charity wrap.

All in all a busy end to the year and hopefully this year will be more productive in terms of activities and membership growth.

George Bainbridge

Andy & Kati Walsh CMS Mission Partners

Dear friends,

Over the past three months, since settling back into our second term here in Brazil, we've experienced both exciting progress and some significant new challenges in our ministry within the prison system. This period has opened doors to potential new opportunities for sharing the gospel and discipling new believers in ways we hadn't anticipated. We are ever grateful for your steadfast support and prayers. You may remember that last year we shared that there was a significant shortfall in our funding. Although the situation has improved, our funding situation is not fully sustainable yet. Please pray with us for our God who provides to meet that gap.

Shortly after returning to Brazil, we encountered our first major obstacle. On attempting to restart the discipleship course, the prison governor notified us that we would need to extend the programme to offer a more substantial and impactful course for sentence remission purposes. Initially, this seemed like a setback, as it required additional approval from Prison Fellowship International (PFI) and the judge responsible for prison sentencing. Thankfully, both PFI and the judge moved quickly to provide authorisation. Despite not being a Christian, the judge took the time to formally endorse our course's transformative impact to each of the three prison governors, stating, "This is a highly successful project." She noted the course's rapid expansion and its positive effects on the inmates, affirming that it's now running successfully across three prison units with the full support of each administration. This commendation lifted our spirits and renewed our resolve.

This term, we concluded another course at the women's prison, though this group presented some unique challenges. The participants were particularly young and attendance varied, with conflicts among the inmates disrupting the flow. Yet, we've been reminded to trust God's work, even in the midst of such disorder. Meanwhile, the men's Bible course is now underway and we're encouraged by their engagement. We would be so grateful for your prayers for these men – that the gospel would take root and bring lasting transformation in their lives. While these initial developments seemed promising, we recently faced another setback as our activities in the women's prison were suspended due to logistical constraints and staff shortages in the prison. We have scheduled a meeting with the judge to discuss when we can realistically resume, likely in early 2025.

For several months, God has been stirring our hearts toward a long-term vision to plant a church within the prison. This idea had been building in our prayers and discussions and it felt affirmed when we attended a Baptist church training conference in the city led by Pastor Luis Magalhães from Curitiba, Paraná, who coordinates prison ministry nationally. His presentation opened with the phrase, "A church in each penitentiary," which struck us deeply as we realised that God might indeed be calling us to pursue this vision. With no hesitation, Andy drafted a formal proposal to implement this vision locally with support from the Baptist church. Working through some minor amendments, we have been advised to present this proposal to the prison authorities at the start of 2025. This work may take years, but if the Lord wills it, we trust it will come to fruition.

In addition to our prison ministry focus, Kati and I have both taken on more significant roles in leading the Vineyard church. We're excited about what's taking shape and look forward to sharing more about this journey with you in the near future.

As we continue, we always deeply value your prayers and would be so grateful if you could please pray specifically for breakthrough in these areas:

For swift approval from the governor to resume our activities in the women's prison; that the prison would be sufficiently resourced and that every stronghold hindering the gospel's work would be broken.

For wisdom as I complete the proposal for planting churches in prisons, that it is received favourably by key decision makers and that we would navigate this journey with grace and faith.

That the judge continues to endorse this ministry, acquiring favour with the authorities and that we would encounter key individuals with strategic influence who can advance this mission.

Please pray for the Lord's anointing as we grow as leaders within Vineyard Floripa and as we proclaim the gospel – through prison bars, in the courtyards, and within the classrooms – that we would see more lives impacted and lasting fruit.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this journey. We know we're not alone in this mission! Your prayers and support sustain us as we witness God's transforming power in settings that are particularly challenging.

We are grateful for each of you and pray God's blessings over you. With love and thanks.

Andy, Kati and Eva

Dates for the Diary

February

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| Sat 1 st | Candlemass Coffee Morning St Luke's | 10.00am |
| | Coffee, Cake and Company St Matthew's CC | 2.00-4.00pm |
| Sat 8 th | Where are we going? Stranton Church | 10am to 12pm. |
| | An opportunity to share your thoughts on the future direction of All Saints Stranton with Revd John, | |
| Sun 9 th | Messy Church St Matthew's CC | 4.00pm-5.30pm |
| Sat 15 th | Wedding preparation Day at Church | 10.00-2.00pm |



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
to

February

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Angela Craig

Alex Craig

Jeni Hart

Peter Hart

Duncan Playfor

Jess Playfor

Patrick Reeve

Jacqui Rogers

Sue Rumney

Zac Spoors

Luke Tones

Gill Siddons

Chris Robinson



Congratulations to
Alex Craig and Ruairidh
MacIntosh on their engagement

If you have something to celebrate we would love to share it - email
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All entries to be in by the 16th of the month.

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