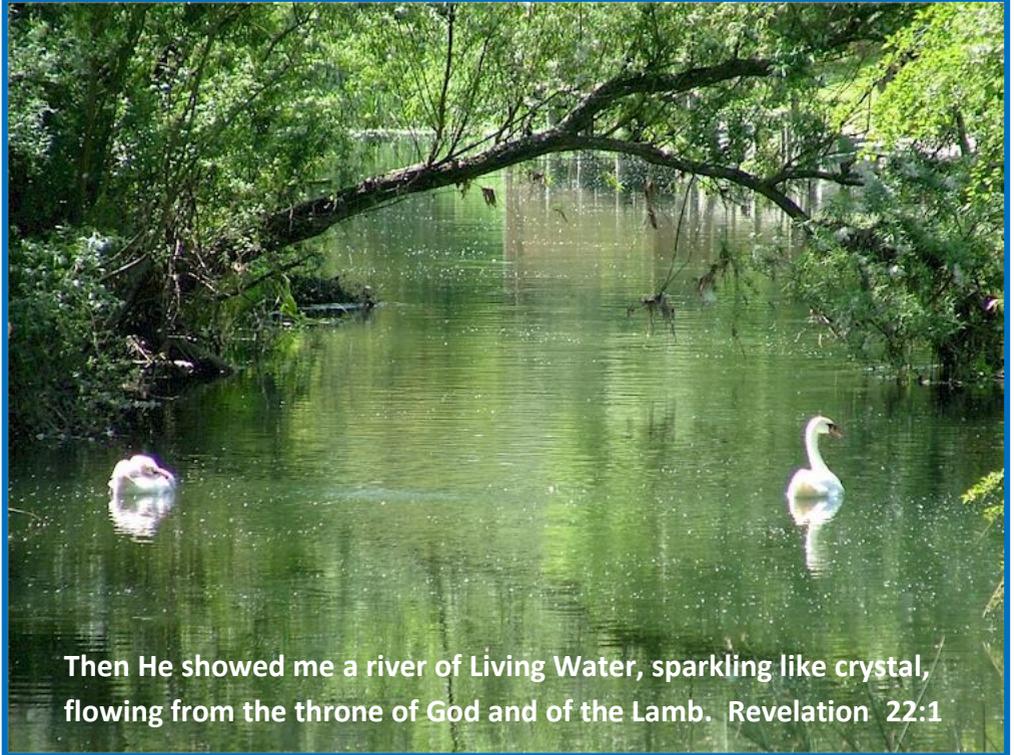


LIVING WATERS



Encouraging Enabling Challenging
in the Tynedale Methodist Circuit

SUMMER 2019

Dear friends

An old man at a church lunch club told me he was an atheist. We got into a good discussion and were both enjoying it, until a lady at our table suddenly pointed her fork at us and said, 'Let's talk about something nice for a change!' She was uncomfortable that we were talking about faith. And she was a Christian!

Apparently it's not polite to discuss politics, sex or religion. That's a very modern European view and people from different cultures sometimes find it quite strange. Nevertheless, it's part of how we are brought up. Society has told us that faith is a personal, private matter and we have been intimidated and become embarrassed to talk about God. I share that, even as a preacher and minister!

Yet we all have our stories to tell about God – about how we have come to be the people we are today. We might hear exciting stories from people who were into crime and drugs and then met God in prison, and then think ours are quite dull! But 'ordinary' people are often more touched by the God-stories of 'ordinary' people like themselves than they are by dramatic God-stories from people who live totally different lives.

Living Waters is a place for us to tell some of these God-stories – you will find some in this edition. The Newcastle District is also publishing '50 Great Stories' this autumn, with people from this region telling what God has done in their lives. All this is to encourage us to think about – and learn to talk about – what God has done in our lives. Can you think of something God has done in your life recently – an answered prayer, a time when God led you to do something? And will you think who would be encouraged to hear about this? And will you tell them? Let's rediscover the joy and excitement of talking and hearing about what God is doing in our world, and may God bless those who hear our stories.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Rev Paul Dunstan

A Testimony – The Bible Course

My name is Sheila Kirkpatrick and I live at Sparty Lea (which is approximately three miles past Allendale) with my husband Brian and about 100 semi-wild ducks (who come to us for bed and breakfast!) We are both “townies” from Whitley Bay and Shiremoor and originally moved to a bungalow in Allendale and then to Sparty Lea about 24 years ago where we bought a smallholding to accommodate a variety of animals. We both regularly attend Allendale Methodist Chapel and enjoy the worship and friendship we share there with our friends. We both consider ourselves Christians, but I have to confess that I had never read the Bible, although I have read numerous Bible readings over the years in the Chapel.

In December last year, I attended an Advent Bible Study in the Chapel which Alex had arranged in the few weeks leading up to Christmas. We would read passages of scripture and then have a discussion about them. It was only a small group and I found myself enjoying the views of the other people and wanting to learn more.

Then Alex said she was going to hold a Bible Course starting in February and I decided I wanted to learn more about the Bible. It consists of a DVD explaining various times of the Bible, a discussion time and then readings to do over the following week.

I must admit the readings in the Old Testament were not what I expected. I found some of them very gruesome with fighting and killings and even wanting to cut a baby in half to find out who the real mother was (but thankfully that worked out okay). But I persevered with the readings. We have now moved on to Luke and Jesus and the Gospels and I find it much easier reading for me. (Or maybe because it is nicer and that is the way I envisaged the Bible to be?)

The group is held in a relaxed atmosphere and I find the discussions we have with Alex and the others in the group extremely helpful. Each person has a different interpretation of the readings and it amazes me what knowledge they have. I feel I have learnt so much from the Course and also from my Christian friends and I have a greater understanding of the Bible.

There was a sermon preached at the Chapel recently on the Mount of Transfiguration and before the preacher said the names of the two people standing with Jesus I actually knew it was Moses and Elijah (so I feel I am learning all the time). The more I read the Bible the more I want to know.

Come 4 Lunch @ Allendale Methodist Church

One of the members at Allendale Methodist Church had it laid on her heart about all those people in the local community, many of them elderly, who ate meals on their own. At a meeting of the chapel congregation, she outlined a plan for 'Come 4 Lunch', where people could come and eat together free of charge, and enjoy good food, friendship and fellowship.

After talking to some of the Care Workers in the area, it was suggested that Sunday would be a good day for this as many people had memories of eating Sunday lunch with family and friends and were no longer able to. Also, Care Resources over the weekend are much scarcer than during the week.

The decision was made to serve lunch at 12.15pm every second Sunday of the month. Lunch would be simple but tasty - a choice of home-made soups; cheese scones and bread rolls; a choice of dessert; followed by tea and coffee with fruit loaf and cheese. Folk from the congregation make the food and bring it along on the Sunday.



Tables are laid with cloths, cutlery, napkins and flowers and look very bright and welcoming. We have a welcomer on the door, three people in the kitchen and the rest of the congregation doing the very important task of talking to guests and sitting with them over the meal. There is no rush at all.

The first Come 4 Lunch was in March - and it coincided with the day it snowed heavily in Allendale! But three guests made it through the snow and came for lunch. In April we had ten guests plus chapel folk and then twenty four people gathered from the Chapel and the community in May. It was certainly a time for making new friendships and sharing good food. The next one will be on June 9th. and we look forward to welcoming even more guests and pray that God will bless this venture and that through it we can bless the community.

Rev Alex

Tynedale Talking Newspaper

After Easter the teams who prepare the audio version of the Hexham Courant for blind and partially-sighted people started sending out the recordings on Thursdays rather than Fridays. The move follows the Courant's change in publication day. It means that subscribers got their recordings a day earlier.

Tynedale Talking Newspaper is a charity with teams of volunteers who meet at a Methodist church hall in Hexham to record each week's Hexham Courant onto memory sticks. These are posted free of charge to listeners, who can either listen on their computer or they can borrow a special player.

But the move to recording on Thursdays rather than Fridays meant that some volunteers will no longer be able to attend due to other commitments. Chair of Tynedale Talking Newspaper Dr Tony Newton said: "We want to provide the best possible service to our listeners by bringing our audio version of the paper in line with the Courant's new publication day. It's a great shame that some team members have to drop out as a result, so we're recruiting new volunteers who are available on a Thursday afternoon for a couple of hours.

"There are eight recording teams, meaning that a volunteer only has to attend once every eight weeks - so not a huge commitment. We especially need people to act as recording engineers, and full training will be given, but we're also looking for a new Secretary, so if you have admin skills and some spare time, we'd love to hear from you".

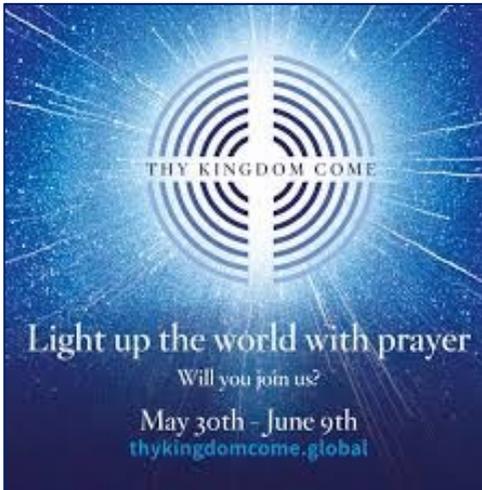
If you would like to volunteer please email sec@tynedaletalkingnewspaper.org.uk Tynedale Talking Newspaper's recordings are used on hospital radio around Northumberland as well as being mailed to individual listeners. To receive the Talking Newspaper there's an application form on the website www.tynedaletalkingnewspaper.org.uk or phone Ed Turnbull on 01434 607264

From Pete Barrett, Prudhoe Methodist Church and TTN volunteer



The Soroptomists reading team

L – R. Valerie Fawdry, Nora Thornthwaite (Team Leader), Pete Barrett (Engineer), Helen Milner and Donella Rozario. Photo Tony Newton (Chairman)



The date of this edition of Living Waters being distributed coincides with Ascension Day (30th. May), the start of the Global Wave of Prayer

THY KINGDOM COME

calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. If you have not had a chance to join in with any prayer activity in your community search...

www.thykingdomcome.global

“Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and **set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth.**”

— [John Wesley](#)

Knitted Easter Garden - Bellingham



The Easter Garden in Bellingham was a community project to knit spring flowers and to use the poppy pattern to knit an Easter message 'Jesus is alive'.



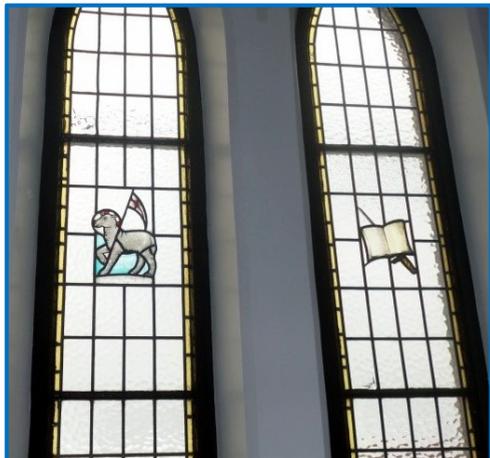
We also did afternoon tea on Saturday and Easter Sunday and some of us sat out in the garden inviting passers-by to join us for tea.

Where love should be found

Following the recent death of one of our elderly Church members at Haydon Bridge, the family held a Thanksgiving Service followed by tea at our Church. Afterwards one of this lady's daughter's sent a card thanking all who had helped make this such a special time and for all the support given to them. Reading the card afterwards the line that struck me was 'You were all amazing'. One of her friends had commented 'the place was filled with love'.

Kathleen Armstrong

Church Imagery - A Local Preachers Training Exercise by Helen Taylor



1 How do you think the images on this page describe God?

- a) In the life of the chapel?
- b) In worship
- c) In teaching?

2 Do they enhance your worship?

3 Do they aid teaching and learning?

4 Do you find some images helpful and some not so helpful?



In considering the use of imagery in our Church, Prudhoe Methodist, I took the above photographs, and posed the questions to 16 adults, 15 of whom were church members. My idea was to choose pictures which showed God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and probe whether they enhanced worship or otherwise. If they enhanced worship, in what ways did they do so? Those questioned were assured that their answers would be treated in confidence, and that there were no right or wrong responses. I asked that they looked at the pictures in whatever way they felt comfortable; either in reality or in the form of the printed photographs.



From the answers received, the cross was the most striking image. To use one quote “The cross reminds us of what it is all about”, whilst someone else said the picture reminded him of Graham Kendrick’s words in *The Servant King* “Hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.” The poppies and remembrance display I felt spoke strongly of God the Father, but interestingly no-one else said that; although someone did say that the remembrance images reminded her we should seek God in all aspects of our life. One person commented that originally stained glass windows provided teachings for a generally illiterate population, and two commented that even now many of us learn more from one picture than from a thousand words. Two people thought the stained glass windows, and the light streaming in through them, helped them reflect on the witness of the Christian souls who built the church and have worshiped there since it’s opening in 1866. One respondent said “The life of the chapel (is presumed in this instance) to mean living with the Holy Spirit”... and that means a living faith which is practiced without the church walls. As one person said, “The window pictures of the Lamb and the Bible have just ALWAYS been there!” I know how this person feels: that is we don’t notice things which are constants, whether in Church or anywhere else.

Interestingly, the exercise prompted one person to put forward a suggestion for next year’s Covenant service, involving symbols/imagery representing our careers/hobbies, and also to challenge me as to what I will preach the next time I lead an Armistice Day service! Hmm...food for thought indeed!

The answers differed in length as well as in perspective. People were not necessarily specific, but did say they found some images helpful and some not so. On reflection, my questions were not open-ended, not “probing” enough, and this showed in some of the responses. It would have been interesting to have a mix of ages taking part, but unfortunately this was not possible due to most of the congregation being in the 60+ age group.

In conclusion, looking at the pictures has been an interesting exercise in making us consider the way God works through imagery. I’ll leave you with a thought from one respondent. He said he imagines there is an empty box/caption beneath the cross, into which God urges us to insert our own names when we worship, as He takes all our sins.

ALLELUJAH!

CHURCH WINDOWS

SOME
COMMON
FEATURES:

TRACERY LIGHTS

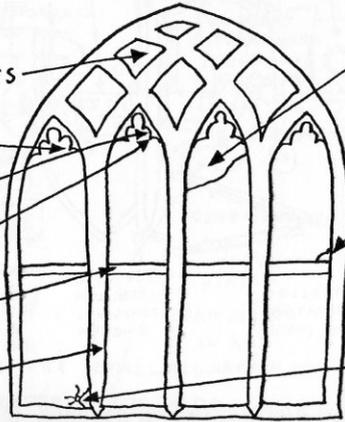
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CRACKED PANE
(COLLECTION PLATE
EPISODE, 1963)

SEGMENT NOT SEEN
SINCE A MOTHERS
UNION MEETING
IN 1981

SMALL HOLE
(LAST FRIDAY NIGHT'S
SNOOKER CUE
INCIDENT)

From 'Guide to the Church' by Dave Walker. Thanks to Diane Wylie

Guess the Story



If any of the Open the Book teams submit photographs of their team preparing for an OtB assembly, we will feature one of them each quarter under 'Guess the Story'. Here is an easy one to start with from the Bellingham/ Falstone team.

Lent and Easter at Haltwhistle

During the time of Lent, every person in Haltwhistle congregation was given a copy of the book 'Cultivating Fruitfulness' by Robert Schnaze to read daily. Each Lent Sunday we followed the same theme of 'Cultivating Fruitfulness' for our Worship services, led by a variety of preachers. The specific weeks concentrated on: Radical Hospitality, Passionate worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Extravagant Generosity. These were followed up during the week with a Bible Based Discussion Group, one of the groups meeting in a local cafe, another in one of our member's homes.

Lent culminated in a reflective service of Communion on Maundy Thursday, a March of Witness on Good Friday and then a 24 Hour Prayer Event (see photos) where prayer was said for 24 hours by at least one person (and very often by more than one) from 12 midday on Good Friday to 12 midday on Easter Saturday. Haltwhistle's Community Worker very kindly offered to do much of the 'night shift'! The thrust of the prayer was for Revival in Haltwhistle, but there was also opportunity to pray for the community, for our world, ourselves, the church; and chance to remember those who had died. The doors to the hall and chapel were open throughout the Prayer Event and a number of conversations were had with passers-by. We then celebrated on Easter Sunday with a family celebration service.



This special time has left us with much to think about, much to thank God for and an even stronger knowledge that all we do must be well rooted in prayer!

Ken Williamson and Alex Dunstan

Easter Programme at Acomb Methodist Church

Acomb Chapel Ladies Choir presented the Easter Story in Word and Song on Good Friday evening. The programme was devised by John Wilkinson and the Choir led by Jim Laidlow.

The Chapel was virtually full and the Easter message was greatly appreciated with everyone finding the evening moving and uplifting. Suptd. Rev. Paul Dunstan narrated the programme, his summing up at the end adding to the spiritual message.

Afterwards a substantial Faith Supper was shared by all. The Offering realised £403 which is to be shared between Water Aid and the work of our church. Good Friday at Acomb is now a well-established part of the Circuit programme.



On Easter Sunday a moving service was led by Jacqui Cameron. Prior to the service the Easter flower cross was decorated by Heather Welch, this was displayed during the service and afterwards it was placed outside the Church for all to see during the following week.

Dorothy Neal Senior Steward

Church Mice

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Haydon Bridge

Every 2nd. Wednesday 3.30 – 5.30 pm

Comments from some of our helpers

“It is a really special time, not only helping the children to learn more about Jesus but also to see members and clergy from our village churches working together”

“I love to see all the children, parents and helpers sitting down and enjoying their meal at the end of the session and everyone chatting together as well as coming back for seconds!”

Messy Church at Haydon Bridge began in February 2010 when Rev. Les Hann was our Minister, first attendance numbers were 20 children – many children have come through our doors since then and depending on what is happening at after school clubs, numbers do fluctuate, but we are still getting around the same number today at our monthly sessions.

Messy Church extra 2019

As part our outreach into the community, in January 2019 we began ‘Messy Church extra’ – this takes place on the first Sunday afternoon of the month at 3pm and replaces the regular 6pm evening service for that week only. It comprises of 50 minutes or so of very informal worship, video, visual effects/story, usual along with dressing up, based on the theme of the Wednesday afternoon Messy Church which is due to take place later in the month and is followed by tea and cakes for all. The contents for these has been put together by Deacon Anne and the very talented Bell Family. Out of the four sessions which have so far taken place, we have welcomed a different group of children/adults from our village to each one, as well as several members from our own Church community.

Kathleen Armstrong



Best Sunday for Ages 9th June 2019

'Best Sunday for Ages' is the day we celebrate the work of Methodist Homes. All Methodist churches are asked to observe this particular Sunday (or a one nearby if you have somethings else that day), giving thanks for the residential care homes, sheltered accommodation and 'Live at Home' support. This includes chaplaincy support and music therapy for people with dementia.

Over 10,500 older people are supported through 62 'Live at Home' projects, around 2,500 are living independently in 72 retirement living communities (the nearest one is in Jesmond, Newcastle) which offer flexible support and a further 7 sites planned. Almost 5000 older people live in the 90 care homes run by MHA and benefit from residential, nursing or dementia care. This is carried out by 7000 staff backed up by around 5000 volunteers. The care homes also offer respite care for those whose family or usual supporters need to take a holiday but want to be sure their aged relative will have support. It can also be used by anyone thinking of moving into residential care but would like to sample life there before finally committing themselves. The nearest MHA care home is Harwood Court in Cramlington (tel. 01670 712492).

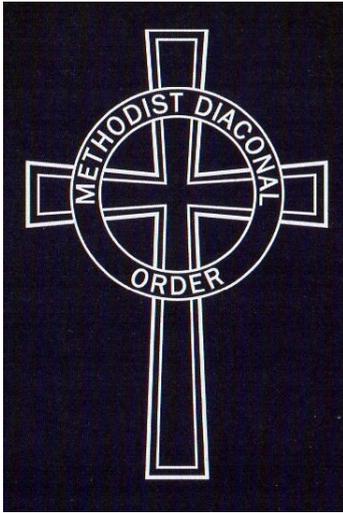
I am grateful for the contributions made by some churches each year towards the work of MHA. Once again, gift envelopes will be sent to your church before 9th June for you to make your individual contributions unless your church has arranged to contribute in other ways. Remember to fill in the space on the back of the envelope if you pay tax, so that Gift Aid can be claimed on your contribution – this is at no additional cost to yourself.

If you are a preacher planned on that day, or a Worship Leader assisting in a service, you will find useful material from MHA's website at www.mha.org.uk/mhs. Whatever you include in your service, please remember the work of MHA, its staff and the residents who enjoy a high standard of care in a Christian atmosphere.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Brian Elstob

PROFILE



DEACON ANNE TAYLOR



**“Anne’s at Convocation”.
“What’s a Convocation?” was the reply**

I have been asked to explain some things about the Diaconal Order. Convocation is the gathering of Deacons from around the Connexion. It is a time of worship and praise of giving thanks for those who have gone before. To affirm, nurture and support those being called into the ministry, those in active ministry and those in a supernumerary role. Dispensation for attendance at convocation is only given at 80 years old! So all those who are able are expected to attend. There are some in their 90’s.

As members of the Order, although diverse, we have a sense of identity and belonging, a mutual responsibility, a shared life of prayer, a common calling and lifelong commitment for the sake of the kingdom of God. To attend Convocation is part of the ‘Rule of Life’. We follow a ‘Rule of Life’ to deepen our fellowship and bind us together as a dispersed community that we may continue to become the people God wants us to be, both individually and as an Order.

As part of the ‘Rule of Life’ we are to attend worship regularly especially Holy Communion, to set aside time each day to read the bible devotionally and to pray including a time of intercession for members of the Order, to set time aside for self-examination, have a spiritual director and make time for a retreat each year. We are to participate in the life of the Area Group to support and encourage each Deacon in their ministry. Our Group is the Newcastle District. I am the Area Group secretary at the moment and there are 8 members. We meet at Brunswick Methodist Church in Newcastle.

The ministry of a Deacon is that of witness and service. Witness to God in the community and service to the church and one another. Walking alongside others and encouraging them in their ministry is also very characteristic of Diaconal ministry.

I originally candidated for the Presbyterian ministry which is a ministry of Word and Sacrament which concentrates on ministry within the church. I was turned down because the committee said they felt I was being called to ministry but not the Presbyterian ministry. I applied for the Diaconate ministry and was unanimously accepted. This ministry was more in line with my gifts and talents and the people who interviewed me could, thankfully, discern that. It's about matching people with the needs of the church. Diaconal appointments are very diverse but often a specific work, project or area of work.

I was ordained in Winchester Cathedral as a Methodist Minister but also as a member of the Methodist Diaconal Order. This is a permanent position, not a temporary position as in the Church of England were they are a deacon for a year before becoming a priest. I am not a priest; I am a Methodist minister and a member of the Diaconal Order which is why I am Deacon and not Reverend.

I look forward to convocation each year meeting up with my brothers and sisters of the Order and seeing how God is at work in their lives and ministry in the villages, towns, cities around the connexion.



Deacon Anne at Diaconal Convocation

Do what's right for children. Do what's needed. Do what works.

HOW

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

WORKS



Action for Children is the children's charity of the Methodist Church. It was founded in 1869 by Methodist minister Revd Thomas Bowman Stephenson, in response to the poverty and danger faced by vulnerable and destitute children and young people living rough on the streets of London.

Today, Action for Children, (formerly, NCH - National Children's Homes) has grown to become a leading children's charity running over 500 projects and working with more children and young people affected by poverty, disability and abuse than any other UK charity.

Action for Children operates many services throughout the North East such as children's centres offering early years family support, they work with children in care, run counselling services for children and young people who have experienced abuse both physical and emotional. They also run a fostering service and work with the young who are dealing with mental health issues. This is just a snippet of the work that they do in the region.

Action for Children has a service in Hexham, called Monksfield which offers residential care and respite support to children and young people with moderate to severe learning disabilities. A service that covers the whole of Northumberland. Monksfield is situated on Corbridge Road, in front of The Priory School.

'Action for Children Sunday' takes place every year on the second Sunday of July to celebrate the opening of the first children's home and is a chance to celebrate the work of Action for Children and their partnership with the church at services and activities throughout the country. This year they celebrate 150 years since the founding of the first children's home.

If your church would like someone to speak about Action for Children on Sunday July 7th. or more information email Selina.Mankin@actionforchildren.org.uk

Rev. Dr. Thomas Bowman Stephenson (1839 – 1912)



President of the Methodist Conference 1891.

A Newcastle born Methodist Minister who founded what became known as the National Children's Home (now Action for Children) in 1869.

He also founded the Wesleyan Deaconesses (now the Diaconal Order) in 1890 when involved with a new initiative, the Metropolitan Lay Mission, where lay missionaries and women were working with people not reached by other agencies. He recognised that women were an untapped resource: they could play a vital role visiting homes where it was impossible for men to go.

This order became open to men in 1987 and became the Methodist Diaconal Order and the first Deacons were ordained in 1990, 100 years after the Order's inception by Thomas Bowman Stephenson.



Vision

A RELAXED INFORMAL
EVENING OF WORSHIP

LIVE MUSIC
FREE HOT DRINKS & CAKE.
HEXHAM WEST END CHURCH HALL.
MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2019.
8.00PM - 9.00PM.
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Summary of Spring Circuit Meeting. March 2019

Superintendent Paul Dunstan welcomed everyone to the meeting and devotions were led by Rev. Marie Beard.

Youth and Children's Worker Ruth Lindridge gave us a brief insight through a question and answer session with Rev. Jenny Porterpryde into the work she is doing in the Prudhoe/Stocksfield and Wylam Churches with young people of varying ages

Finance Circuit Treasurer David Kilner

David brought the finalised accounts to the meeting for year ending 31st August 2018 which had already been examined by CI Accountants, these were approved by the members.

Budget 2019-2020

David Kilner informed us that the budget contains £40,000 from Model Trust Grant towards the expenditure and he also reminded us that the fees received from the letting charges of the two Manses are put towards the expenses.

Growth Plans

The Superintendent thanked all Churches for the Growth Plans which had been submitted to the Circuit Leadership Team and which would now be passed to District and the Connexion. He reminded us that these are 'work in progress' documents and that these should be revisited on a regular basis within Church Council meetings to update ideas where necessary towards making new disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Worker for Prudhoe/Wylam and Stocksfield

Rev. Jenny Porterpryde informed the members that a job description has now been prepared, two days per week of pastoral work and reaching out which was hoped would begin in September.

Work to be undertaken at Trinity Church

Rev. David Goodall told the meeting that works are to be undertaken to the front of Trinity Methodist Church so that behind the large wooden doors, a modern glass interior would be revealed and the foyer/toilets updated. Approval for this grant (monies for which would come from Model Trust Funds), was approved at the meeting.

Representatives to Synod

The is currently a vacancy for a reserve – no nominations came forward

Date of next meeting **Thursday 13th June 7.30 pm**

Fourstones with Warden Methodist Church



Circuit Walk

The next Circuit Walk has been arranged for members of the churches in the Tynedale Circuit (plus any friends they would like to bring along) on [Saturday 15th June](#), when we shall be exploring the area around Warden and Waters Meet.

Meet in time for departure at 10.15am at West End Methodist Church. There is a car parking at the church or use service X85 to Newbrough from Hexham Bus Station at 09.58 arriving 10.05 at the Police Station. The 685 to Carlisle via Heddon (09.10), Corbridge (09.28) and Hexham Bus Station (09.41) arrives at the Police Station at 09.48. Toilet facilities are available at the church. The day will be about 8.5 miles of moderate walking, with extensive views along riverside paths, and with the option of a shorter walk of 6 miles for those who prefer.

Walking boots, waterproofs and packed lunch essential.

Sorry, no dogs as we pass by fields with animals.

Please contact Ann (01434 683050) for further information.

SPIRIT WORKS

With *Roger Jones*

An enjoyable day of worship,
Bible teaching and workshops
covering themes from the book
Spirit Works

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Saturday 21 September 2019
10am - 4.00 pm

Hexham Trinity Methodist Church
Beaumont Street, Hexham NE46 3LS

Roger Jones of Christian Music Ministries is bringing a team to share their experiences of Holy Spirit ministry at this workshop. Registration is £5 and Registration Forms can be obtained from the Trinity Church Office or contacting the Church Administrator. Pre-registration required
01434 601055 office@hexhamtrinity.org.uk

This day is for all who are seeking a better understanding as to who the third person of the Trinity is, how He empowers faith and for those who just need 'topping up'.

TYNEDALE CIRCUIT MISSION STRATEGY

In March 2017 the Circuit Meeting (Trustee Body) of the Tynedale Circuit took an exciting and bold decision when it adopted a new Mission Strategy for the Circuit. It agreed that the Circuit's commitment across Tynedale is to see:

Vibrant Christian communities which introduce people to life in the Kingdom of God and help people to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

Starting with prayer, continuing in prayer, growing in prayer... The vision described here will only come about by God's grace (his generosity). It won't be our doing! But we need to put ourselves in a place to receive that grace. Prayer is an important part of being in that place,

The Mission Strategy was laid out in a 'Living the Vision' booklet. In it there were a series of questions that was suggested to be asked amongst church fellowship or home groups. Have these discussions taken place? Have any conclusions been fed back to Church Councils?

The questions;

1. How do you feel about the description of vibrant Christian communities?
2. What does the word 'vibrant' mean to you? What makes your life vibrant? What makes your church vibrant? What holds it back?
3. How can your congregation or fellowship be more vibrant?
4. What is 'life in the Kingdom of God' like for you?
5. What would help you to introduce other people to life in the Kingdom of God?
6. How could the worship you offer together become more passionate? How could it radiate awe and wonder?
7. How much does this vision grab you? What will you commit (prayer, time, energy, money...) to see it come to reality?



DOES YOUR CHURCH INDICATE THAT IT BELIEVES IN PRAYER?

THIS CHURCH IS
PRAYER-CONDITIONED.

God answers
knee mail.

Seven days without prayer makes
ONE WEAK.

Prayer for Tynedale Circuit

*Loving and eternal God,
We give you thanks for Tynedale Circuit.*

*Grant that we may become
An increasingly vibrant, Spirit filled, Christ centred people;
Faithful to Scripture, deeply rooted in prayer;
And with a heart to follow your vision for mission and growth,
As we catch and share glimpses of your glory in our lives.*

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be
glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for
ever and ever!*

Amen.

GUESS THE STORY 'David the Giant Killer'

With L-R King Saul, Goliath, David the shepherd boy, one of his brothers.



Tynedale
Methodist Circuit

Bellingham, Barrasford,
Falstone/Kielder, Wark
Fourstones with Warden,
Haydon Bridge
Deacon Anne Taylor

Hexham Trinity
with Slaley
Rev. David Goodall

Hexham West End
Acomb
Rev. Paul Dunstan

Riding Mill, Corbridge
Rev. Marie Beard

Allendale, Catton
Haltwhistle
Keenley, Sparty Lea
Rev. Alex Dunstan

Wylam
Prudhoe
Stocksfield
Rev. Jenny Porterpryde

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By Monday 12th. August 2019 please.