

Wooler United Reformed Church

"Here to worship God and to serve Him in the community"



MAY/JUNE 2019



A thought on Pentecost

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (*Pentēkostē*) meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition. For the Christian Church, however,

Pentecost is the time when we

remember the coming of the Holy Spirit, after Jesus had ascended into heaven following His resurrection from the dead.

So why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives today? One of the purposes of His coming is to enable us to live a righteous and faithful life, following Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. He also acts as a comforter or Paraclete, one who intercedes, or supports or acts as an advocate, particularly in times of trial.

I don't know about you, but this country needs a Holy advocate, particularly in these days of Brexit confusion, arguments, and lies. Some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit include wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Let us ask God to renew us, His church and this country through the moving of His Holy Spirit. I

(Paulette Sheard)

A prayer for a shared future

God of past, present and future,

Be with us as we take our next steps as nations together.

May we strive to love our neighbour as ourselves

Listening and speaking with respectful kindness, embracing differences.

Remembering how much all have been forgiven by You,

May we offer friendship, grant mercy,

And seek peace and justice in our shared future. Amen.



On Sunday, 26th May, there will be NO morning service but everyone is invited to our annual open-air service at 3pm (venue to be confirmed).



As part of HospiceCare's Open Gardens 2019, on Sunday, 30th June from 11.30am-4.30pm, selected gardens of varying sizes and styles will be open to the public in Crookham village; many with lovely views across the countryside and the Cheviot Hills. Admission is £5.00 for adults and teas/lunches will be served in the Village Hall. Sounds a lovely way to enjoy God's creation and raise funds for a worthwhile cause, too!

Prayer Corner:

Join with us in praying for people living in the following streets.

Week beginning:

6th May - Haugh Head, Coldmartin & Yearle

13th May - HighFair & Common Road

20th May - Church Street, The Peth & Peth Head

27th May - Golden Square & Curlew Court

3rd June - Weetwood Road, Weetwood Ave & Weetwood Close

10th June - High Street & Market Place

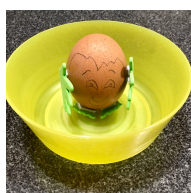
17th June - Cheviot Street & Cheviot Park

24th June - Padgepool Place & Burnhouse Road



May our day be full of kisses, electrical charges of possibility, where heaven and earth meet. Amen.

Once again, Soup lunches were held in St Mary's Parish Room on each Friday during Lent, to raise money for Christian Aid. Each week, a different church in Wooler provided the food and attendees donated generously in exchange for some very varied and delicious soups, served with different types of bread or rolls and a cup of tea or coffee. If you were fortunate, chocolate biscuits were also on offer and, one week, there were even fresh dates brought all the way back from the Holy Land! It was a lovely opportunity to raise funds for a very worthwhile charity and spend time together. Altogether, £510.98 was raised. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their services in making and/or serving and to those who came and enjoyed good food and good conversation.



We had a great time at Messy Church on Palm Sunday. Bill told the Easter story, when Jesus entered into Jerusalem on the donkey's back, to His miraculous Resurrection on Easter morning. A difficult story for anyone, let alone children, to comprehend but he really got across the importance of Jesus' sacrifice because He loves us so much. Hand signs were used to symbolise the important event on each day leading up to the Resurrection and everyone joined in - a good way to remember the story. We sang action songs - clapping hands, stamping feet and waving the green paper palm crosses they had made earlier in the craft time. As well as palm crosses, Egg Disciples were made using stickers and felt tips (see left), beautiful woven crosses (Ellie and Ruby showing us their handiwork), edible Easter Gardens (Joyce worked so hard in baking little chocolate tombs, with a 'stone' and little garden with grass and flowers, all carefully balanced on an edible cracker) and a cross decorated with hand-made flowers which will be on display for the next couple of weeks in the Cheviot Centre. Do go and have a look! We finished off the afternoon with some very yummy food. The next Messy Church will be on Sunday, 9th June (Pentecost Sunday). If you would like to be a part of the team, please speak to Bill Eugster.



Christian Aid makes an incredible difference to people living in poverty and they help millions of the world's poorest people ensure that more of them live life in all its fullness as God intended.

By Supporting Christian Aid week we are standing together to fight for Dignity, equality and Justice.

This year they are focusing on childbirth in Sierra Leone as an example of what donations raised through Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, could help fund through their partners' work worldwide.

Please come along to the Christian Service on Sunday 12th May at 4pm in St Ninian's Church. Our friend Sue Burston, who has done so much to raise money for Christian Aid throughout Glendale, will be joining us to talk about Christian Aid's ongoing work. There will be door to door collections throughout the week therefore if anyone can with envelopes it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Marion or Joyce.



Saturday Coffee mornings 10am in the Glendale Hall

4th May - Boxing Club
11th May - Wooler Bowling Club
18th May - Lowick Church
25th May - Kirknewton Church

1st June - Horticultural Society
8th June - Christian Aid
15th June - Save the Children
22nd June - Wooler School
29th June - S Younger's charity

Sunday morning service leaders:

5th May - Rev Bill Eugster (Communion)
Ecumenical Prayers (6pm, Taize at Kirknewton)
12th May - Patrick Sheard
19th May - Dave Harbertson
26th May - Worship Group (NO morning service -
Instead an Open Air service - 3pm - venue to be confirmed)

2nd June - Patrick Sheard (Communion)
Ecumenical Prayers (6pm at Wooler URC)
9th June - Rev Mary Taylor
16th June - Rev Bob Burston
23rd June - Robert Armstrong
30th June - Worship Group 2

