

St Andrew's and St Ninian's Newsletter, October 2023

ST ANDREW'S AUTUMN FAYRE SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2023 2PM-4PM

COME AND ENJOY A CUP OF TEA, COFFEE, AND HOME BAKED ITEMS IN OUR CAFÉ AREA. LOTS OF BARGAINS FROM OUR STALLS; BOOKS, FANCY GOODS, CHRISTMAS GIFTS, CARDS, TOYS, JIGSAWS, HOME MADE PRESERVES, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA AND MUCH MORE.

Parking available outside of the church and in the car park behind the church hall. No entry fees.

Church Service dates October/November

St Andrew's Lamesley.

Wednesdays @ 10am Holy Communion with short Bible study.

Sundays @ 10am Holy Communion

October 1st Harvest Festival
October 15th, October 29th, November 12th,
November 26th.

Sunday 5th November Bereavement Service
@ 6pm at St Andrew's Lamesley.

St Ninian's Harlow Green.

Sundays@10am Holy Communion

October 8th, Harvest Festival
October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th.

Litter Picking Team

Our litter picking team have now collected a staggering total of **504** bags of litter collected from verges, roads, footpaths, and other areas around Lamesley Church. The team met Councillor Sheila Gallagher in September to discuss their concern at the amount of litter and fly tipping, and to hear from Cllr Gallagher how Gateshead Council are tackling the problem. It was an interesting, friendly, and informative meeting, she was very supportive and will respond to the various queries and suggestions we had discussed soon. The team were given a big thank you for all their efforts from Councillor Gallagher and Gateshead Council.

Glorifying God's Creation

Romans 12.12 ~ Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

We live in an anxious time. Recent events have left many of us holding our breath when we turn to the news, anticipating the next disaster. It is important to remind ourselves that we are a people of hope and that God did not abandon the exiles of Judah and does not abandon us either. Our ancient faith bears witness to the power of God to redeem and restore sometimes in unexpected ways.

This is a lovely quote that Doug sent to us, we just had to share. [An Apache Prayer](#)
"Walk gently through this world and enjoy its beauty all the days of your life."

Vacancy Audit

After a Vacancy of nearly two years without a Vicar we recently learnt that we are to begin the process for the appointment of a new Priest in Charge for St Andrew's Lamesley and St John's Birtley. This will be conducted by the Reverend Canon Stephanie Clark working with us through the vacancy audit process. We pray for all who will be making decisions so that the right person may be appointed, to lead us by example, and in loving obedience to our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Eco Church

Approximately one year after opening an Eco Church account we are delighted to let everyone know that we have successfully achieved the Bronze Award. Thank you to all who helped in many ways. With Silver in our sights there is much more work to be done and we would appreciate your efforts to work towards this goal. Look out for opportunities to support the process.

Net Zero What does it mean.

For the Church of England being net zero means that the carbon emissions of our buildings and travel will be reduced to less than 10% of our baseline levels. The remaining emissions will be offset in verified schemes that reduce carbon. That means overall our buildings and travel will not contribute to rising carbon emissions; that their contributions will be "net zero"

Gardening Volunteers

Our new group of gardening volunteers started working in the church grounds last week, it was a pleasant autumn afternoon, perfect for spending a couple of hours outdoors. We were working in the south end of the graveyard, removing small rogue saplings, clearing ivy, grasses, and other foliage from the bases of some of the overgrown graves. The 16 bags of garden waste were then carried to the front of the church to be collected by the council. Oh, for the use of a wheelbarrow! If you would like to spend a couple of hours gardening and join the volunteers, please contact Joan Alexanders, mobile 07957871375 for dates and times.

Outing Idea

If you are looking for a ride out, taking in beautiful scenery and a nice wee snack, head to Rowlands Gill, then onwards to Ramsey Street in High Spen. You will find VIP TEAS, a lovely old fashioned tea room with tea pots, china cups and saucers, plus lovely sandwiches, and cakes. Next door is The Paddock, one of the best Eco shops in Tyneside selling a wide range of Eco products and locally grown fruit and veg. Head out on the road to Chopwell, Coalburns onto Greenside and Stocksfield for wonderful views. We often travel far and wide to see amazing places often ignoring those on our doorstep, take the trip on a nice sunny day, you will not be disappointed.

New Church Members

A warm welcome to Bowson Irwin Rodgers McGivern baptised 6th August 2023 and to Noah Christopher Giles baptised 27th August 2023, both at St Andrew's Lamesley.