

PARISH NEWS



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SAVIOUR, TYNEMOUTH
www.holysaviours.org.uk

Worship at the Church of the Holy Saviour, Tynemouth

SUNDAY

- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion [said]**
- 10.00 am** **Holy Communion and Sunday Club for children in term time.**
On the second Sunday of each month the children join in the Parish Communion for a specially adapted liturgy at our All-Age service
- 6.00 pm** **Evening Prayer**
On the last Sunday of the month a Book of Common Prayer Evensong is celebrated.

MONDAY

- 5.15 pm** **Christian Meditation in the Parish Centre**

WEDNESDAY

- 11.00 am** **Holy Communion [said] according to the Book of Common Prayer**
This service is held in the chancel. Coffee and biscuits are served in the Parish Centre before the service, from 10.15 onwards.

AT ALL TIMES

The Church is open during the hours of daylight and the **Lady Chapel** – recessed on the south side of the chancel – is available for personal use.

The Votive Candle stand beside the pulpit may also be used as an aid to prayer, remembrance and dedication. Please leave money for candles in the collection box on the stand. You may find the following prayer useful when lighting a candle.

Lord may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficult decisions, and may it be a fire for you to purify me from all pride and selfishness. May it be a flame for you to build warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours and all those who meet me. Through this prayer I place in your care those I come to remember, especially..... In leaving this candle, I wish to give you something of myself. Help me to continue this prayer into everything I do this day. Amen.





THE VICAR WRITES: When visiting a family before a baptism service, I often find I have to translate the words of the baptism liturgy. Words such as ‘sin’ and ‘repentance’ are not the sort of language generally used on social media or in typical conversation. I cannot assume that our ‘churchy jargon’ will have the same – or any - meaning or relevance to everyone.

So, has our current culture lost the language of spirituality? We might say that this is not surprising if fewer people have anything to do with organised religion. Our thoughts might then slip towards a gloomy outlook: of society losing direction as it drifts away from the moral compass provided by Christian values. It is easy to become despondent about the state of society, but I would suggest that there are always opportunities to present the good news of Jesus to people in different ways. We just need to be resourceful, imaginative and inquisitive to find out these different ways.

At Jesus’s trial, Pontius Pilate asked ‘what is truth?’ – a question that seems to resonate within our current culture, where there few absolutes are acknowledge and truth can seem more subjective than objective. This subjective truth was apparent on a recent trip to the spiritual melting-pot of Glastonbury [the town, that is, not the festival]. I spotted a spiritual centre inviting customers to ‘Discover Your Own Myth’. This invitation clearly shows that people are searching for a way to make sense of life and to understand some of the unexplained and perplexing things which happen to them. But how do we engage with this curiosity when people have little experience of church or faith, and of the language we use?

The *Declaration of Assent*, used at Ordination Services, states, ‘which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.’ As the church we are, thus, called to find a way to express our faith which will resonate with the needs of our particular generation and its culture. As we try to fulfil this calling, I think it could be counterproductive simply and baldly to state that Christianity *is* the truth and expect people to be persuaded by this pronouncement. A better way is to share our experience of how Christianity is, for us, a life-giving truth. If we can do this then we can invite people to see if Christianity might become their truth, while praying that they have a real encounter with the living God. The sharing of our personal story is a great way to connect with others and will help them to see that Christianity is a living truth with real relevance to them as it is to us.

Another way to connect with people is to pray with them. I find that people are always moved by the experience of prayer or the knowledge that someone is praying for their particular needs. Sometimes it might be the first time that they have realised a spiritual dimension to the pressures and concerns they face.

The idea of telling others our story, or praying with them might terrify us. However, our story and our prayer need not be complicated or well crafted. Honesty and genuine concern speak volumes and cut through the mystique and preconceptions about Christianity. Story and prayer form the language which resonates with current society, and in them we can find a way to help others discover the life giving truth of the gospel for themselves.

Steve Dixon

EDITORIAL

John Pearce writes: As Steve Dixon has several times affirmed, the Christian message by which we seek to live is counter-cultural. Nothing confirms this idea more strongly than the language we use in worship. This is easy to see if we return, momentarily, to the resplendent poetry of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. On my first day at Darlington Grammar School in 1955, I was handed a cyclostyled copy of the BCP *General Thanksgiving*, with the instruction that I had to be word-perfect in it by the following Monday. Throughout my schooldays I must have recited it over fifteen hundred times, which explains why, sixty five years on, I can still remember it word for word.

“We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.....”

All memorable prose has melody and rhythm as well as words, which is why prayers like the General Thanksgiving can still thrill and move even those who struggle to believe a word of it; and why the 23rd Psalm in the King James Bible still rings bells in the most agnostic skull. That is also why the majestic power of these texts is also their drawback. Reading and reciting them can allow their music to drown out their meaning, so that we do not actually listen to what we are saying, The 1500th rehearsal of the General Thanksgiving or the Lord’s Prayer can come to mean little more, deplorably, than the pattered recitation of a multiplication table.

These words are written, remember, from my viewpoint: that of a believer. How much more difficult must it be for those not brought up in the language of belief to relate to some of the things we say in church? I joined Holy Saviour's in 1968, at a time when Anglicanism was convulsed by issues of liturgical reform; the first Parish Communion I attended was conducted using the *Series Two* liturgy. I remember many discussions of the merits and drawbacks of this change, which intensified when *Series Three* modernised the language of worship more or less completely. I had mixed feelings about all of this at the time, and I remember resenting the clerical sleight of hand which foisted on us *The Alternative Service Book* which, so far from being alternative, proved to be both compulsory and universal. On what I claimed to be purely literary grounds I criticised the language of the ASB as being tinny, flabby and unmusical. And I might have got away with objecting to it on that score had it not been for the Revd Michael Middleton, then the Chaplain at King's School and our honorary curate, who finally challenged me in effect either to put up or shut up. "These liturgies", he said, are exact translations of the originals. If you find them uncomfortable, then it's probably to do with your not wanting to listen to what they have to tell you about yourself in plain English. Most of your sins, like mine, are unpleasant shortcomings: thoughtlessness, unkindness, selfishness, lack of self-control, greed, bad temper, rudeness, petty deception. But that can't mean that we don't need forgiveness."

These were wise words, delivered with a smile which took at least some of the sting out of them – but in hindsight it was an explanation calculated to make me, as a believer, rethink some of my self-regarding and lazy assumptions about my true nature. That said, it made no difference to the concern we should all have that the language of worship can act as a barrier rather than a gateway. Not long ago, I went to Sunday Morning Communion in Iona Abbey where, instead of confessing to sinning against our neighbours in thought and word and deed, the liturgy required us to depend on God's mercy to make us new in respect of

"the right roads we avoided travelling, the kindly words we refused to share, for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love, for the hidden hurts we held on to too tightly and the promises we never kept, for the careless use of our time and money, and the lame excuses we should never have made....."

Writing these words even now recalls to me the surge of self-recognition which filled my eyes with tears, and my heart with the shame and remorse which were the precursors of genuine repentance. I have no idea what Canon Law governs the particularisation of liturgy in this fashion, but it strikes me as an experiment which could be worth trying out at, let us, say our next service of Public Baptism?

NOTES AND NEWS

Introducing our new curate:



Malcolm Railton writes I am fifty-eight years old. I am married to Glynis and we have two grown up children, Mark and Rebecca, and a grandson Dylan.

I grew up in the north east of England, mainly in Boldon, leaving the area in 1986 to join the Metropolitan Police. After about eight years we returned to the north-east and I completed my police career with Durham Constabulary. I was involved in a variety of policing roles but my happiest times were spent as a dog handler.

Since retiring from the police service, I have continued to be involved in music, my main hobby. Although I no longer play brass instruments I am still involved with a small number of bands playing guitar, bass guitar and double bass.

Why am I training for ordination in the Church of England? That's the big question, and I often find it difficult to put the answer into words. That may be because God's calling is beyond words; certainly it is beyond mine. However, I do

not see my new role being radically different from my previous one. Service, love and care for others are all at the heart of both. You may be wondering where God comes into being a police officer, but if we remember that God is everywhere and in all things, why wouldn't he be in the police force as well? God's presence may not always be obvious; but he is always with us.

The next stage of my journey is leading me to Holy Saviour at Tynemouth, a new adventure for all of us and I am looking forward to it tremendously. I have been given a great opportunity to continue to learn and develop my ministry with Steve and all of you and I can't wait to get started.

I hope to bring practical common sense and ordinariness to my new role.

W3 MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Janice Torpy writes This month, W3 held its meeting on the first day of May, so what could be better than to make the meeting about May Day Celebrations? We even had a Maypole designed and made by our artist-in-residence Janice. Some of us can remember dancing around the Maypole at school, making intricate patterns with the ribbons. Maureen is our resident expert on Maypole dancing, but Margaret our Treasurer decided to dig a bit deeper into the history and as a result go international, as May Day is celebrated all over the world. It was originally a pagan ceremony where the beginning of summer was celebrated with fertility rites by the exchange of gifts as well as the dancing.

Margaret also decided that we had to work for our supper and presented us with a May Day word search to complete during the course of the evening. We also had ladies popping up to give us explanations of how different countries celebrated May Day including the USA [where it is known as Labor Day] and Russia where they also used it to celebrate the dignity and achievements of its workers.

Previously at our craft night in March we all made a small box or basket in which to put a gift to give to someone at our May Day meeting. This was a custom here in England [and it didn't have to be a 'nice' gift]. To make this fair, we decided to raffle the gifts and so on arrival everyone was given a glass of fizz and a raffle ticket as well as the word search and a sheet for our Maypole Drive [our version of a Beetle Drive] for which we must thank Linda who had been ably assisted by her husband Chris. During all this, Debbie, started our quiz. She had asked the ladies of W3 to provide her with a fact about themselves that not many people would know and to keep it secret. She started to read these out and we all had to try and guess who had done what. There were quite a few surprises. Suffice it to say

we seem to be a group of very bold and diverse ladies. Each of the facts were put onto a flower and added to our Maypole ribbons. A buffet was served and we ended the night with our Maypole Drive. A very busy but fun and informative night was enjoyed by everyone.



Stuart Crozier, Parish Administrator, writes: Concerns about the PCC minutes being abstracted in the Parish news raised to the PCC at their meeting in May generated a lively and full discussion. The PCC are mindful that they should be seen to be as fully transparent as possible on behalf of the Church and its congregation. The full minutes are a matter of public record. The PCC agreed that an abstract produced in the News does not do proper justice to the full minutes, is too open to misinterpretation given it must by necessity be a précis, and does not necessarily achieve the objective of full transparency.

The PCC resolved that in future, abstracts of the minutes would not be produced for the Parish news. Copies of the full minutes will continue to be published on the Church notice-boards and also on the church's website - www.holysaviours.org.uk once they have been signed as a true record. Any queries can also be directed to the PCC minutes note-taker, Stuart Crozier, in the Parish office (0191 597 9815 office@holysaviours.org.uk).

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Marilyn Docherty writes: "I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. [*Psalm 63:4*]"

"The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless. It is beyond words. Not that we discover a new unity, we discover an older unity. My dear friends, we are already one, yet we imagine that we are not. What we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are." *Thomas Merton [1915 – 1968]*

Christian Meditation North East invites you to

**An afternoon of meditation
and the labyrinth, led by Jackie Drew.**

**Friday July 19th
1.30 - 4pm in the Parish Centre.
Places are limited. Please contact
marilyndocherty@hotmail.co.uk
£10 - includes coffee and cake.**

Scouting Matters.....

David Littlefield, Group Scout Leader, 6th Tynemouth [Holy Saviours] Scout Group writes: The Scout Group has saluted the hard work of its retiring Chairman and Secretary, Allen and Yvonne Lambert, who have retired after many years service. Running a uniformed organisation is impossible without support, and in this respect we have had marvellous administrative help in running the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

At our recent AGM we were delighted that our President, Doug Brennan, presented Allen and Yvonne, as well as former Treasurer Michael Barker, with the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Services. Thank you, Bear Grylls, for recognising what all these friends of Scouting have done for us! The group also presented the retirees with an engraved vase bearing the emblem of the Scout Movement.

What's On...

Steve Dixon writes: Following on from the Lent Course, A Summer Study Group... will run for four weeks starting on Tuesday afternoons from 11 June at 2pm and on Thursday evenings from 13 June at 7.30pm. It will use former Archbishop Rowan Williams' book *Being Christian*, costing £7.99. To purchase a copy of the book and attend, please fill in the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

John Pearce writes: *In the meantime, readers might find these reviews of Archbishop Williams's book helpful. These are not by fellow clergy or theologians, but by ordinary Christians, collected from the Amazon website where the book can be previewed. As such, they perhaps might be more helpful to lay-people.*

From Emma Kirby: I loved Rowan Williams' book *Silence and Honey Cakes*, which explored the lives and wisdom of the early desert fathers and mothers. I bought several copies for family and friends and was delighted to discover that *Being Christian* was newly published. It's a wonderfully insightful, interesting and elegantly-written exploration of what it means to be Christian. Reviewers have mentioned the accessibility of the writing despite the complexity of the subject - and I would agree wholeheartedly. It's the sort of book which enlightens, inspires and gently educates and I know it is one to which I will return. I plan to give it to my nephew, who is to be confirmed tomorrow, but I'd also recommend it to anyone who is searching for the bigger picture.

From Neasa MacEarlean: Rowan Williams is such an interesting person - so rational in outlook, and yet so committed to a faith that cannot be proved rationally. His powers of logical reasoning are, therefore, used here to explore many of the internal lines of reasoning within Christianity. He looks at why, for example, baptism takes you "towards the chaos and the neediness of a humanity that has forgotten its own humanity". He explains the role of some of the more disturbing Bible stories; they are there, he says, so that we can ask ourselves "Who are you in this story?" Are you, for example, the prodigal son or the elder brother standing at the door? My favourite piece of his logic is his examination of the idea that when we say "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us", we are saying "Forgive me my sins. Look, I have forgiven the people who sinned against me." It had never quite clicked with me that such a (presumptuous but courageous) proposition was being put in those words. Having read the book, I can also see why the Church is saying now that Europe should be so open to refugees. The Bible's recounting of the flight of the Israelites from Egypt suggests that all Christians are in some sort refugees, and should do their best to welcome one another. I have friends who are not so keen on '*Being Christian*' but it is a very illuminating book for me.

Holy Saviour's Tynemouth
*Wind and
Song*



**Sacred and secular music for a
Whitsun Evening**

with

Colla Voce Chamber Choir

and North Wind

Saturday 8th June at 7.30pm

**Admission £5 – children free
Interval Refreshments**

**The programme will include music by
Hubert Parry and Thomas Morley,
folk-songs and items for the choir
and the North Wind ensemble.**

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Cathy Duff writes: These meetings will take place in June and July

Monday 3rd June 2p.m. Talk : "The freedom of years" Harriet Mowat

Thursday 20th June 2p.m. Talk: The family Support Centre at HMP
Northumberland Norma Wilmott

Tuesday 25th June 2p.m. Quiet afternoon at St. Georges Cullercoats

Monday 1st July 2p.m. Talk: "Travels with a King" Linda Moor

Thursday 18th July 2p.m. Strawberry Tea All welcome

Saturday 20th July Diocesan Eucharist at Riding Mill

ALL-AGE WORSHIP AT HOLY SAVIOURS SUNDAY JUNE 9th - 1st SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

The 1000 Eucharist will be an All-Age service.

**This will be a service of Holy Communion especially adapted so
that children of all ages can participate.**

Music and songs will be accompanied by the Church Band.

Sunday Club: Sunday Club has begun to meet again regularly under the expert guidance of Victoria and Gareth Ruddle. The children's "report back" to the congregation at the end of the 10 o' clock service invariably shows that they are being taught skilfully and engagingly. At the same time we could still do with volunteers to help with Sunday Club sessions. If we could assemble a team large enough to make leadership an occasional rather than a weekly duty and then we could assure the club's future more securely. If you wish to volunteer, please leave your details with **Stuart Crozier, Parish Administrator**.

Dusting & Gardening Dates: The team meets every other Friday from 9am onwards to clean the church and the Parish Centre, and tidy the garden - followed by coffee, chat and Ian Crawford's famous Cheese Scones at about 10.45am. If you are able to give any time, the next dates are **June 7th** and **June 14th**

Knitting (and nattering) for fun Our get-togethers take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. This month we will meet on **June 3rd** and **June 25th**. Bring some needles and wool or a project you are working on – you'll be most welcome. If you prefer to sew, that's fine.

The Soup Lunch Club meets every Wednesday at 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Soup and bread are followed by cakes and tea or coffee, all of which costs only £4.00. If you are able to help by providing soup or cakes, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church – the sheet for the current quarter is now available, and volunteers are still needed.

At the moment we generally cover the weekly rota effectively enough, but new cooks and confectioners are always welcome. In the first instance, if you wish to volunteer, email the editor of the Parish News [JCPrintmail@gmx.co.uk] and your message will be passed on. Please note that all out of pocket expenses for ingredients can be reimbursed if you wish. Equally, if you know someone who might like to join the Lunch Club, then please encourage them to come along at 12.00 on a Wednesday, bring them if you can, or if they need transport, contact Stuart Crozier in the Parish Office or email John Pearce at the Parish News email address.

The Bay Food Bank: John Pearce writes: The Bay Food Bank, like all such banks will experience a huge rise in demand during the school holidays, as this report from the Trussel Trust makes clear.

“Last year the number of supplies given to adults decreased slightly in the summer months, whereas the level of support needed for children was markedly higher: during July and August 2018, The Trussell Trust's network of over 420 foodbanks provided over 204,525 three day emergency supplies, 74,011 of which went to children. In comparison, during May and June 2018 70,510 supplies went to children. Over a third of all food distributed by the Food Bank network throughout the year goes to children, but there is extra financial pressure to provide main meals during the school holidays for families who rely on free school meals during term time.

Last year's report from The All Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger estimated the loss of free school meals during the holidays adds between £30 and £40 a week to parents' outgoings.

During the summer months of 2017, more tonnes of food were distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust's network than were received as donations, and this – combined with a recent upturn in foodbank use – has prompted the charity to ask the public check with their local foodbank what donations are most needed in their local area this summer.

Whilst these donations are vital for meeting immediate need during the holidays, the charity warns foodbanks cannot be long-term solution and has called for better support to be in place all-year round to protect people from hunger.

Samantha Stapley, Director of Operations at The Trussell Trust, explains:

“Foodbanks cannot, and must not, be a long term to solution to hunger at any time of year. No one should face going hungry, and although our network will be doing all they can this summer to help families struggling to make the money they have stretch to cover the essentials, no charity can replace people having enough money for the basics.”

“There are changes we can make as a nation to help during the holidays, but if we are to protect each other from hunger whatever the time of year, we have to go further than that. We know particular groups of people are most likely to need a foodbank, so let's make sure no one is swept into destitution. Our benefits system can, and must, act as an anchor to protect people from being pulled into poverty.”

Across the UK this summer there will be a range of different projects aiming to support families, from holiday clubs run by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust's network, to council-run projects in Scotland, Welsh government funding for schemes in Wales, and the Department for Education's recently announced pilot, which will fund existing holiday provision in England.

Against this backdrop of practical responses, The Trussell Trust is urging policy makers not to lose sight of the underlying issues that leave families needing foodbanks at any time of year. The charity is calling for better support for families to be in place throughout the year by unfreezing child benefits and making changes to work allowances so families keep more of their earnings before Universal Credit payments are reduced

SAINTS ALIVE! [3]



Ciive Harper writes: Sitting in Church on Palm Sunday my eyes strayed to the stained glass window on my left and there were the words: 'feed my Sheep'; 'feed my lambs' and I recalled that those were the words of the risen Christ to Peter, or Saint Peter whose feast day falls on 29th June; together with that of St Paul as is fitting for the two great saints and leaders of the early Church. The

majority of our knowledge about St Peter (and indeed St Paul) comes from the Bible though most of us understand that, traditionally, Peter is holder of the keys of the Kingdom, the main door keeper to the Heavenly places.

Peter was first introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew; indeed that is how we all come to Jesus when someone introduces us. And when Jesus was choosing His Apostles Peter very soon rose to a leadership position; he was one of the inner circle, as it were, who were chosen to go with Jesus on special occasions like the healing of the daughter of Jairus or the revelation on the Mount of Transfiguration. It seems that Jesus was training Peter for his future role as a leader of the early church.

Peter was an impulsive man and yet a devoted follower of Jesus; so there were many lessons to be learned along the way , as we all know from our own lives, and some difficult situations as when Peter tried not to allow Jesus to wash his feet; or when he denied Jesus as Jesus said he would. But these are all part of the lessons to be learned if we are to grow up into Christ.

And so, when Jesus rose from the dead, we read that he appeared first to Peter and then, by the lake, Jesus gave those instructions to Peter: feed my lambs, feed my sheep. And history tells us that Peter did just that; he gave the first Christian sermon in the streets of Jerusalem; he resisted the Jewish authorities when they attempted to restrain the preaching of the Apostles; and he performed many signs and wonders in the name of Jesus. And when it was time for the Gospel to be carried to the Gentiles, it was through Peter that a Roman Centurion named Cornelius, and his household, received the Holy Spirit and became Christians.

Peter died in Rome and it is believed his human remains lie in the great Basilica there; it is said that the manner of his death emulated that of his Master for we understand that he too was crucified.

Peter was not his birth name, that was Simon; but Jesus, when He called Him also called him Cephas or Petros; Greek for Peter (or Pierre if you are French) the point being that the word means a stone or a small rock. And indeed, in his first letter, St Peter calls us all to be stones, living stones, part of the structure of the Church Universal resting on the chief corner stone which is Christ Himself.

So whilst the Church is founded on Christ, the Rock of Ages, St Peter is rightly honoured as the Apostle through whom that fact was first revealed at Caesarea Philippi when by the Holy Spirit Peter was able to say of Jesus: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'; and so say all of us.

ECO TIPS.....

John Pearce writes: Prompted by an email from Linda Benneworth, I googled Christian Eco-tips and found information on the website of Trinity United Reformed Church, Wimbledon; my thanks to them for permission to re-cycle it.

Reduce, Re-Use, Re-Cycle are sustainability's most powerful commands.

Reduce your exposure to unethical consumption. It's easy to research; for example *Ethical Consumer* magazine provides reliable, evidenced info about your daily shop, disclosing detail across a range of consumer brands such as supermarkets, banks, home electronics.

Reduce your CO₂ emissions from the power you buy. Switch to suppliers of 100% zero-carbon electricity and gas. Ecotricity and Good Energy are market leaders; Ovo, Ebico and municipal suppliers Robin Hood and Bristol Energy are new firms.

Reduce your transport emissions. Use public transport or car-sharing to reach shops, church or friends.

Reduce your school run. Ask your school about 'walking buses'; organise one for your street. Cycle-training on-road for Year 6 pupils produces self-reliance:

Reduce your flying. Question the flights your family really needs. Are airlines' offset schemes for emissions really any more than 'conscience money' delivering meagre benefits long after the damage has been done?

Reduce energy waste at home. For an energy audit, consult a qualified Domestic Energy Assessor. Advice on energy efficiency grants is on the government's website.

Reduce wrapping. Challenge store managers about excessive packaging. Who needs coconuts wrapped in cellophane?

Reduce meat. Producing a pound of beef takes nine times the energy used for a pound of grain. Eat less, better quality red meat, bulking meals out with steamed vegetables, including those new to you.

Reduce your reliance upon corporations with a questionable approach to tax. Ethical alternatives abound: for example, Berlin-based internet search engine Ecosia plants trees, dependent on your number of searches. Ecosia claims nearly 10 million plantings already, and targets 1 billion by 2020.

Re-use: your smile, your appreciation! Start conversations with strangers – and not just those who dress and speak like you. Make time to communicate your thanks to strangers doing essential, undervalued jobs – street cleaners, car park attendants, parking wardens, shop assistants. Do so even if they are not serving you directly.

Learn, use and Re-Use “Thank you” in some of our country’s myriad foreign tongues. ‘*Jin koo ya*’ to Polish folk, ‘*mersi*’ or ‘*multumesc*’ to Romanians, ‘*kam sah han nee da*’ to Koreans, ‘*shukriya*’ in Urdu, or ‘*grazie*’ to Italians.

Tuck any foldable bag – yes, even plastic! – into your handbag or pocket. Why pay the additional fee when you get to the till?

Borrow books, music or DVDs from libraries or friends. Share, swap opinions, ask for recommendations. Libraries need more users to defend their budgets – use them, or lose them.

Print documents on both sides of the paper; “duplex” printing, as it is known. If your eyesight’s good enough, print 2 pages per side, so 4 pages on one sheet. ‘Settings’ on your printer or word processing software will show you how.

Re-cycle old clothes, or usable household goods. Hospices like St Oswalds’ s resell donated furniture. Benefitting Oxfam, M&S stores operate Schwop, a collection scheme for unwanted clothes; but you need to buy a new item.

Re-cycle old jokes, old stories, old memories with friends. Top up with fresher ones!

Re-cycle food scraps. Compost is **not** smelly! Collect scraps in a bin, build a heap outside, wait some months as they rot down, then dig them into your vegetable patch – very satisfying! Share with the neighbours.

Re-cycle others’ knowledge of food growing. Lucky enough to possess a garden? Dig up part of it, teach yourself how easy it is to grow vegetables. Ask your neighbours how – or your kids; many schools now run a vegetable garden. Save money, enjoy the taste!

Re-cycle the Good News. Communicate all that your church is doing, to strangers, to work-mates, students – and above all, to other churches! The word is growing. As Christians, it’s our duty to bear witness, to get active.

PS: there are twenty tips in the list above, at least a dozen of which are practicable and easy. I can claim that I habitually try to put into practice eight of them [as my friends will readily attest, probably through gritted teeth, one of these is the recycling of old jokes, stories and memories]. How about you?

And finally, some secular food for thought from the philosopher Epicurus [341 – 270 BC]:

“Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? – then he is not omnipotent. Is he able, to prevent evil but not willing to – then he is malevolent. Is he both able and willing to prevent evil? - then whence cometh evil? Is he neither able nor willing to prevent evil? – then why call him God?”



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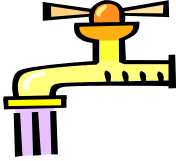
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[4th Sunday Evensong]

Wednesday

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Sunday Club Sundays 10am

To discuss arrangements for Baptisms & Weddings, please speak to the Vicar after the 10am Sunday service

For further information please telephone the Parish Office on 597 9815 or email to hstcrossway@gmail.com

Pram Service **2nd Monday**
2pm in Church
Babies & toddlers

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Activities

Mothers' Union

1st Monday 2.00pm Parish Centre
3rd Thursday 2.00pm Parish Centre
Cathy Duff Tel 0191 257 4811

W3 – Women's Group

1st Wednesday 7.30pm Parish Centre
Debbie Baird Tel. 296 1663

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Lucy Skillen Tel. 07891101262
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Scouts

David Littlefield Tel. 257 8740

Explorer Scouts

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David Littlefield Tel. 257 8740

Scout Hut bookings:

Helen Preston Tel: 257 0574

Tynemouth Village Day Centre – Parish Hall

Tel. 259 5569

Manor Road Community Playgroup – Parish Hall

Leaders: Glynis & Heather Tel: 07854222597

Mother & Toddler Group – Parish Hall

Friday 9.30am

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