

A message from Si, our vicar:

Are you what they call a 'home bird'? I know some people that confess that they dislike being away from home for even one night. A friend recently told me that they had discovered carvaning as the ultimate compromise, because they could take a bit of home with them. Well, the good news is that God can make us feel at home with him, wherever we are. Wherever we travel in this world- either through choice or compelled by events- even if we 'settle on the far side of the sea' we can be at home with God. The psalmist says 'even there your hand will guide me' (Psalm 139:9-10). And one day we will be in the Lord's presence in the new creation.

This Week's Bible Reading:

Psalm 134:1-4

James 2:14-26 When faith is alive

The Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we finally lose not the things eternal:  
Grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord.

What's On This Week:

**Sunday 11.00am: OPEN AIR SERVICE** There will be a table for small children but we ask that parents kindly supervise their own children. Please bring a picnic to enjoy together in a time of fellowship after the service

**Sunday 8.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting** for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud. The zoom meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85963653180>

Monday 6.30pm CYFA

Tuesday 6.15pm Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Wednesday 10.30am: Mums bible study

Catch Up:

There will be no recording of the service this week - all the more reason to come in person!

Dates for your Diary:

11th July: Volunteers BBQ

August 2nd,9th,16th Mini Series on Hope

3rd October: Women's Day

## News:

- A reminder that this Sunday is our open air service and there will be no 9am service. Some chairs will be provided, but if you are able to bring your own camping chairs or picnic blanket, please do so. Please bring a picnic to enjoy together in fellowship after the service. Parking will be limited on site to those with access needs and will be controlled via parking passes. If you need an access parking pass for the day please contact Sue Lane. If you do not have access needs, please consider walking or car sharing. For those parking on Egremont Road, we ask that you don't park on the church side of Egremont Road and please be considerate of people's driveways.

- Si and the Walker family are away on holiday from the 29th June to the 9th July inclusive. We pray for a restful time of restoration for the family.

- Ann Bailey Funeral:

Wednesday 1st July at St Mary's Church, Station Rd, Richmond DL10 4LB at 1.30pm followed by a short Committal Service at Darlington Crematorium, Carmel Rd N, Darlington DL3 8RY at 3pm. Afternoon tea will then be available from 3.30pm at the Bannatyne Hotel, Southend Ave, Darlington DL3 7HL. Everyone welcome!

For those who would like to share in the service of celebration and thanksgiving for Ann, but are not able to join us in person on the day, the church service will be live streamed. You can watch on line (either live or at any time afterwards) with the following link:

YouTube – which is a shortcut to

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCueFwqs8kjaBz1cKhAsnxUQ/videos?view=57>

Note: selecting the 'Live' option at the top of the screen will take you to the latest content.

- Especially in July we will join with the Church of England Evangelical Council to pray for the Church of England. Details of PRAY July can be found here. We are concerned with CEEC that a private members motion has been introduced for General Synod that will again seek to undermine our Church of England doctrine on marriage. As we learned in our Bible study on Acts, session 3 'Church challenges', when apostolic teaching is undermined by religious elites disregarding scripture, God's people must pray (Acts 4:23-24).

## Please pray for:

Helen Stoker, Tony Pang, Jenny Wong, Jean Mainey

Our mission community churches: St Andrew's, St Bridget's and Church on the Moor

## Pastoral Visits

Si and the pastoral visiting team are available to visit you at home, or elsewhere if you prefer. Pastoral care is very important to us, so please don't be afraid to ask for a visit. To organise a visit, please get in touch with Sue on 07563473620 or [office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk)

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