

COCKERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Selby White 463546
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January 2012

Sunday 8th January 2012 – Youth Church & Crèche

10.30am Worship led by – Rev S White – Covenant Service

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev D Goodall

Sunday 15th January 2012 – Youth Church & Crèche

10.30am Worship led by – Rev S White

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev S White – Covenant Service

Sunday 22nd January 2012 – Youth Church & Crèche

10.30am Worship led by – Mrs G Cauldwell

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev S White

Saturday 29th January 2012 – All age Worship (Family Service)

10.30am Worship led by – Mr G Bright

6.00pm Worship led by – Dr A Henderson

To consider prayerfully before the service

God of day and night

God of day and night,
of frost and sunshine,
of rest and growth,
we praise you for the rhythms and patterns of life:
for the gentle dying of each season
and the coming of the next;
for the wonder of new life in all its forms,
and the quiet flowing of youth into age.
Give us eyes and hearts to perceive you
in the unfolding of our years,
and help us in this new-born year
to make more space for you,
the Giver of it all.

© Angela Ashwin 'The Book of a Thousand Prayers'
Zondervan 2002 in 'Magnet' 96 Winter 2011-12-24

Prayerline: if you need a prayer, for yourself or others, please contact Brian & Irene Cooper (467573) or Fran Atkinson (356471).

Prayer focus: Please pray for:

1. a renewed desire in each member of the church to serve the Lord in this place.
2. the family of Reverend Richard Wallace of St. Mary's Cockerton, who died last Friday morning.
3. Cathy Hunter, Alistair, Alison and Marion as they mourn the loss of Cathy's mother, Catherine.
4. the Circuit family worship initiative taking place in Bondgate next Sunday morning.
5. Those we know who are struggling with ill-health including Peggy Cemmick, Josephine Allen, Doug Brown, Gillian Johnson, Kay Tabb, Ivy Pear, Kitty Phillips, Jim Reid, David Nelson, Pat Dean, Gaines Robinson.
6. Alma and Carl Ottolini, Audrey Page, Jennie Parkin.

Fellowship Groups: The Church has a number of Fellowship Groups which usually meet fortnightly in peoples homes, if you are interested in finding out more, please contact the group leaders. Existing members who need to find out the venue, again, please contact the group leaders **in advance** of the session.

"Fellows" – alternate Monday evenings (257645) Jean – alternate Tuesday afternoons (356097) Jan – not meeting at present (241124) There are three groups which meet on alternate Thursday evenings – Clive (462196) Lilian (350410) and Sue (480521). Men Behaving...? – usually monthly on a Sunday evening – David (468089)

Thanks:

A new Great-Grandson, a Diamond Wedding and Christmas! Ben and Margaret Day found themselves richly blessed and thank you all for the beautiful cards and messages. May we all share a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Thank you to all who supported MRDF (Methodist Relief and Development Fund) by placing your card, bearing Christmas greetings for the church family, on the tree. The amount realised was £135.00. Thank you for your generosity ~ *Lilian Hamilton*

Network: We now have a new President for the Darlington Circuit, Dorothy Archer retired at the end of November and Madge Fox accepted the post of President. Currently Madge is recovering from a knee replacement but is making good progress. Her husband Howard is Computer Literate so will be a great help to Madge.

On Feb.25th - 26th 2012, there is a weekend at Minsteracres. The theme is "In God`s Fitting Room". The facilitators are Rev. David & Mrs Anne Collinson, more details in the Porch. Doris and Lilian are going, so please contact Doris if interested ~ Tel:.461260.

Action for Children: Could all those with collection boxes or anyone wishing to make a donation for Action for Children (NCH) please contact Judith Cook (352148,) who is the Rep for this church ~ *Thank you*

Starz Family Service: Are you excited about craft? Do you make an excellent cuppa? Do you want to be involved in God's Mission here in Cockerton? In the New Year we are hoping to start a new form of Family Worship, aimed especially at those who wouldn't normally come along to church. This will be for the whole family, but especially families with under 11's. We will be enjoying singing and stories, and making crafts together, and then having a family tea. Would you be able to provide refreshments when people arrive? Could you help children cut and stick? Could you help to cook tea? Would you like to come along and join in? If the answer to these questions is yes then please email or call me. We will be getting together after the morning service on 15th January for a quick briefing before we begin on 22nd January 4-6pm. If you can't meet with us on 15th January do email or call me because I can still find a job for you! Grace
(grace.outreachworker@gmail.com 07825126176)

Future Engage dates:

Engage – January 18th; February 1st, 22nd; March 7th ,

Engage XL – A chance to engage more deeply with issues
January 11th, 25th; February 8th, 29th

Starz – January 22nd 4-6pm and Feb 26th 4-6pm

Property Team: is meeting Monday 23rd January at 7.30pm. Please contact Brian Cooper (467573) or Margaret Weeks (244394) with any items for the agenda, and intention of attendance. ~ *Thank you*

"Breakfast@9: is a collective of people in Darlington who want to explore life and faith together. We are meeting monthly on **Sundays 9-10.30am at Bondgate**, for breakfast, worship and teaching for all ages. We hope to create a space where people can feel supported and challenged in their relationships with God and each other. The dates for the New Year are 15th January, 12th February and 11th March. If you would like to know more about this then speak to Ben or Jenny Connor benandjenny@phonecoop.coop

The average weekly giving from September to December 11 is £1025.64 for church funds and £62.41 for Live Darlington. Live Darlington giving is approximately similar to last year but giving to church funds has dropped by £104 per week. Church Council agreed a budget which expected to spend £9000 more than estimated giving, based on previous year. However with this average weekly shortfall it looks as if we will spend £14000 more than we receive.

The services over Christmas have raised: Christingle Service £174.69 ~ to Grace Project; Christmas Evening Communion £35.00 ~ to Methodist Homes; Christmas Morning Service £159.57 ~ to Action for Children. Thanks to all who supported these special services. Liz Waugh - Treasurer

Circuit prayer breakfasts take place on 1st Saturday of each month (except August,) see list in foyer for venues. All are welcome. Prayer cards are now available for any concerns to be prayed for. See any steward for further details.

Here is some advance notice of 3 events to look forward to at Neville Parade Methodist Church, Newton Aycliffe in 2012.

Saturday 11th February ‘ 7.00pm. Tickets £5. **National Methodist Youth Brass Band ‘In Concert’**
Founded in April 1987, the National Methodist Youth Brass Band exists to further the musical aspirations and

experience of young brass players in a Christian environment. The Band meets four or five times a year at weekends in various parts of the country when a Saturday evening public concert is given and the Band participates in the Sunday morning worship of the host church.

Saturday 17th March 3.00pm 'Listening to God' workshop led by Tracy Williamson Cost £5

Early in life Tracy suffered an illness, which affected her hearing and sight. This did not, however, stop her from taking a BA (hons) degree. For a number of years Tracy has helped people to understand the love of God in a more personal way. Drinks will be provided for those wishing to stay on for the concert at 7.00pm – Please bring a packed tea if you wish to have something to eat

7.00pm 'Marilyn Baker 'In Concert' Cost £5

Marilyn became blind as a child, but soon demonstrated a gift for music, which took her to the Royal College of Music and on into a teaching profession. She had a longing to communicate her faith and began writing anointed songs. Her deep desire to help others discover the love that has so changed her life led her into Christian Ministry through music. During the past 20 years Marilyn has travelled around the world, becoming one of Britain's most popular and well-loved singer-songwriters.

Tickets for the above events will be available early 2012. Rev Graham Morgan

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This weeks Church Diary

Mon 9 Prayer Meeting ~ 9.30am
Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm

Tues 10 Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm

Wed 11 Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Babies & Toddlers ~ 9.30 – 11.15am; 1.30 – 3.15pm
Art Group ~ 1.15pm in the upstairs hall
Engage Youth Club ~ 7.30pm

Thurs 12 Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Wesley Guild ~ 7.30pm –

Fri 13 Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Art Group ~ 1.00pm
Girl's Brigade ~ 6.00pm
Boy's Brigade ~ 6.00pm

January

Mon 9 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
Tues 10 Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
Tues 10 Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm – "First Stop" with Tracy Freeman
Wed 11 Engage XL ~ 7.30pm
Thurs 12 Westbourne Grove Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (350410)
Thurs 12 Sue's Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (480521)
Thurs 12 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm at 88 Lunedale Road (462196)
Sun 15 Starz briefing meetings after morning service
Mon 16 Women's Fellowship Lunch ~ 12.30pm
Tues 17 Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm
Wed 18 Engage ~ 7.30pm
Thurs 19 Wesley Guild ~ 7.30 "My Music" with Ruth Tulley
Sat 21 Church Walk ~ 11.00am
Sun 22 Breakfast & Worship at Bondgate from 9.00am
Sun 22 First Starz Family meeting ~ 4.00 – 6.00pm in the Lounge
Mon 23 Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
Mon 23 Property Team meeting ~ **7.30pm**
Mon 23 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
Tues 24 Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
Tues 24 Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm – "An evening with Harry Bunting"
Wed 25 Engage XL ~ 7.30pm
Thurs 26 Westbourne Grove Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (350410)
Thurs 26 Sue's Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (480521)

Thurs 26 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm at 88 Lunedale Road (462196)
Mon 30 Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
Mon 30 Finance Team meeting ~ 7.3pm in the lounge
Tues 31 Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm

February

Wed 1 Engage ~7.30pm
Thurs 2 Wesley Guild ~ 7.30 "My Calling" – Rev Catherine Minor
Sat 4 Circuit Prayer Breakfast ~ 8.15am at Harrowgate Hill
Sat 4 'Walk Through the Old Testament' at Bondgate from 10.00am
Sun 5 Sunday@8@CMC in the church with Phil Hillsdon of King's Church
Mon 6 Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
Mon 6 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
Tues 7 Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
Tues 7 Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm – Annual dinner
Wed 8 Engage XL ~7.30pm
Thurs 9 Westbourne Grove Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (350410)
Thurs 9 Sue's Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (480521)
Thurs 9 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm at 88 Lunedale Road (462196)
Mon 13 Women's Fellowship Lunch ~ 12.30pm
Tues 14 Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm
Thurs 16 Wesley Guild ~ 7.30 "An evening with – Rev Selby White"
Sat 18 Church Walk ~ 11.00am
Mon 20 Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
Mon 20 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
Mon 20 Circuit meeting ~ 7.30pm @ Bondgate
Tues 21 Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
Tues 21 Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm "The Carlisle – Settle Railway" with Roy Goad
Wed 22 Engage ~7.30pm
Thurs 23 Westbourne Grove Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (350410)
Thurs 23 Sue's Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (480521)
Thurs 23 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm at 88 Lunedale Road (462196)
Sun 26 Passion for Worship Breakfast ~ 9.00am at Bondgate – followed by –
Sun 26 Passion for Worship Service ~ 10.00am at Bondgate
Sun 26 Starz Family meeting ~ 4.00 – 6.00pm in the Lounge
Mon 27 Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
Tues 28 Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm
Wed 29 Engage XL ~7.30pm

March

Wed 7 Engage ~7.30pm

Notices: Jan (241124) jan.cossins@ntlworld.com Deadline: 12noon - Thursday for Sunday

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Notices via email: For those people who wish to receive a copy of the notices electronically please email jan.cossins@ntlworld.com as this will help the environment by saving on paper.

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