

Prayer focus:

1. for God's Spirit to move in our Circuit churches to bring renewed energy, hope and strength of belief to all worshippers.
2. for the families of Cathy Sowerby and Revd. Richard Wallace as they continue to mourn the passing of their loved one.
3. for Grace Cauldwell as she continues to reach out with God's love to many of our user groups and works with the young people of the community.
4. for Revd. John Mason as he waits to move into St. Theresa's Hospice.
5. for those of our church who are battling with ill-health and recovering from surgery: Peggy Cemmick, Josephine Allen, Doug Brown, Gillian Johnson, Kay Tabb, Ivy Pear, Kitty Phillips, Jim Reid, David Nelson, Pat Dean, Gaines Robinson, Enid Burdon.
6. for the members of Gainford chapel who have come into our membership on the closure of the chapel.
7. for John and Heather Pattison, John and Karen Pear, Ivy Pear.

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.

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*

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*

This weeks Church Diary:

- Mon 16** Prayer Meeting ~ 9.30am
Women's Fellowship lunch ~ 12.30pm
- Tues 17** Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm
- Wed 18** 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 19** Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Wesley Guild ~ 7.30pm – "My Music" with Ruth Tulley
- Fri 20** Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Art Group ~ 1.00pm
Girl's Brigade ~ 6.00pm
Boy's Brigade ~ 6.00pm
- Sat 21** Church Walk ~ 11.00am

Our preachers next week

Sunday 22nd January 2012 – *Youth Church & Crèche*

10.30am Worship led by – Mrs G Cauldwell

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev S White

Notices & Newsletters: Please remember to keep your copy of the monthly newsletter for all the information which is included. If you haven't received one, ask one of the Door Stewards or a Steward.

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.

"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 **today (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

Thanks:

Christine and Gillian Johnson thank the church family for the lovely flowers, Gill is coming along nicely following her recent operation.

Christmas Quiz: 67 sheets were returned, of which 44 were correct. We raised £195 which is to go to the Great North Air Ambulance. The winners were John Hogarth and Sue Ellis of Darlington, and Mrs M.A. Oliver of Pelton.

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 11s. 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

Notices: Jan (241124) email jan.cossins@ntlworld.com

Please ensure that messages for the notices are received **by the deadline – 12noon - Thursday for Sunday**, and fairly short so as to keep to the two sided weekly sheet.

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Welcome. We are glad you wish to join us in worship and share in the life of this church.

Sunday 15th January 2012 – Youth Church & Crèche

Our preachers today :

10.30am Worship led by – Rev S White

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

To consider prayerfully before the service

Praying with the Spirit

Sometimes when I pray, I utter the words,
But I do not feel or think them.

Sometimes when I pray, I utter the words,
Thinking about what I say, but not feeling.

Sometimes when I pray, I utter the words,
And I both think and feel what I say.

An act of will cannot make me feel,
Nor stop my mind from wandering.

An act of will can only make me utter.

So I shall utter the words,

And let the Spirit do the rest,

Guiding my mind and heart as He wills.

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Table Games Afternoon: The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th January in the Lower Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Please come along and share fellowship and refreshments as you play. We have a good range of table games to choose from.