

Police Messages:

In the Bank Top area a lady - seemingly looking distressed has been knocking on doors asking to come inside and use their phone, to phone the police as she has been beaten up. On both occasions she was told to remain at the door, whilst the occupants phoned for her instead. On return, the lady has left the area. This appears to be suspicious and therefore you are asked, please do not allow her inside your home and instead to be vigilant.

In the Cockerton East Area - At 5am on 12th January 2012 a male was viewed through a residents cctv camera in Marwood Crescent to be looking through their bin bags and rubbish etc. Once completed, he went on to the next property and did likewise. This was a thorough search, with the male checking everyone's rubbish in the street. The male was on a mountain bike and dressed in all dark coloured clothing with baseball cap. Please can residents be wary of what rubbish you disregard. All paperwork should be unrecognisable or shredded so to prevent identity fraud. **Please report any suspicious activity to the police on the new non emergency number 101.**

National Methodist Youth Brass Band 'In Concert' at Neville Parade Methodist Church, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 5DH on Saturday 11th February at 7.00pm. 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 **Tickets** are now available, £5 each from Revd Graham Morgan on graham.morgan@methodist.org.uk or Tel:01388 772898

Help MS Sufferers in Darlington Heather Thompson from Northlands is trying to raise £10,000.00 for Darlington Branch MS Society to help fund much needed physio for local folk (this used to be funded by NHS but the funding was withdrawn due to the economic climate). Heather & Geoff are taking the bears to The Arctic again in the summer and as part of their fundraising Heather is doing a 10k walk (no mean feat with MS). This equates to 200 laps of Northland Church and due to her restricted mobility she can generally only do two or three laps per visit. So this may take her quite a while! Will you sponsor her please? This can either be done online at <http://www.justgiving.com/teddiestohearctic2012> or send her a cheque (made out to Heather please) to 11 Aldgrove Way, Darlington, DL3 0GR Heather & Geoff's progress can be followed on their website <http://www.teddiestohearctic.weebly.com>

Thanks:

Dorothy Wright thanks the Church family for the lovely flowers.

Congratulations to John Skipsey who will be celebrating his 80th birthday on 26th January, Happy birthday John!

This weeks Church Diary:

Mon 23 **Prayer Meeting** ~ 9.30am
Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
Property Team meeting ~ 7.30pm

Tues 24 **Playgroup** ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm – “An evening with Harry Bunting”

Wed 25 **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 26 **Playgroup** ~ 9.15 – 11.15am

Fri 27 **Playgroup** ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Art Group ~ 1.00pm
Girl's Brigade ~ 6.00pm
Boy's Brigade ~ 6.00pm

Please note that most House Fellowships meet this week, please consult with Leader for time and venue.

Our preachers next week

Sunday 29th January 2012 – *All age (Family) Worship*
10.30am Worship led by – Mr G Bright
6.00pm Worship led by – Dr A Henderson

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.

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: Thank you to everyone who supported Action for Children, £695.27p was collected ~ *Judith Cook*

Starz Family Service: The first of these new family-oriented services takes place this afternoon at 4.00 p.m. Please come along and 'taste and see'. If you can bring along a family with whom you are friendly then so much the better. If everyone waits to see what happens then nothing happens!! To find out more contact Grace on: grace.outreachworker@gmail.com 07825126176

Future Engage dates:

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

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

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

The new flower rota for 2012 is now on the usual notice boards – please could donors check their dates to see if they are correct. If there are any problems please contact Ivy, Christine or Carol. We have only one free date - 9th December, so if anyone would like to take this, please let us know. May we take this opportunity of thanking all those who donate flowers to beautify our church throughout the year.

Art Group: The Property Committee have recently had to call out Engineers to repair the stair lift, as our Group make good use of it each week, we have offered to pay the cost of this repair and also the forthcoming annual service charge in appreciation.

YOUTH CHURCH: Outlined is the monthly plan/cycle for Youth Church Activity at Cockerton. Arrangements include months in which there are 5 Sundays.

Week 1 : Youth Church at Cockerton

Week 2 : Breakfast at Bondgate - Family Activity [No Activity for young people at Cockerton]

Week 3 : Youth Activity at Cockerton

Week 4 : Family Service

Week 5 : Youth Activity at Cockerton [where appropriate]

Details of the themes being followed up to April 1st are displayed on the notice board beside the Minister's Vestry. A copy of this information is available in the porch. Parents may find a copy useful in planning their family arrangements for worship and as a follow up to the work being done.

Church diaries: Due to the Publishers going into liquidation, we will not be getting our diaries this year. We are looking at another company for next year; at least we can get one half price at town, but in the meantime please pray for the 40 people who are now facing an uncertain future after losing their jobs.

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

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

Sunday 22nd January 2012 – Youth Church & Crèche

Our preachers today :

10.30am Worship led by – Mrs G Cauldwell

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev S White

To consider prayerfully before the service and the coming week.

1. for those who represent us on various Teams in the church as they gather to meet in the next few weeks.
2. for the families of Cathy Sowerby and Revd. Richard Wallace as they continue to mourn the passing of their loved one.
3. for the initiative Grace has organised for this afternoon to attract families who haven't a connection with the church as yet
4. for those of our church who are battling with ill-health and recovering from surgery: Peggy Cemmick, Mary Daniel, Josephine Allen, Doug Brown, Gillian Johnson, Kay Tabb, Kitty Phillips, Jim Reid, David Nelson, Pat Dean, Gaines Robinson, Enid Burdon.
5. for our Church Stewards as they look for others to take on the role of Steward for the next year.
6. for Denise and Colin Pearson, Kitty Phillips, Rachel Ralph.

Walk Through the Bible (Old Testament) - on Saturday 4th February we will hold the last of our Circuit Bible Fresh events, a Walk Through the Bible. Walk Through the Bible gives a unique opportunity for you to understand the Bible, where places are, how the stories fit together and will help give you a fresh understanding when you read the stories again. The day will take place at Bondgate Methodist Church on Saturday 4th February from 9:30 to 5pm and costs £10, which includes a seminar manual and a light lunch. To book your place please complete a booking forward available from Church Stewards and return it to the Circuit Office at Elm Ridge. This is an event not to be missed! Please do come along as we finish our year of Biblefresh events.