

COCKERTON METHODIST CHURCH

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February 2012

Sunday 5th February 2012 – Youth Church & Crèche

10.30am Worship led by – Mr P Law

6.00pm Worship led by – Mr A Golphin

8.00pm Sunday@8@CMC with Phil Hillsdon of King's Church

Sunday 12th February 2012 – Breakfast at Bondgate for young people at 9am

10.30am Worship led by – Rev S White – to include Sacrament

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev H Harbottle

Sunday 19th February 2012 – Youth Church & Crèche

10.30am Worship led by – Rev Dr A Stobart

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev S White – to include Sacrament

Sunday 26th February 2012 – Passion for Worship at Bondgate

9.00am – Passion for Worship Breakfast at Bondgate

10.00am – Passion for Worship Service at Bondgate

Starz Family meeting ~ 4.00 – 6.00pm in the Lounge

6.00pm - NO SERVICE

To consider prayerfully before the service

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

You brought me up from the grave;

you spared me from going down to the pit.

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

Your anger lasts only for a moment;

but your favour for a lifetime.

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

You turned my mourning into dancing;

you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

Let my heart sing to you and not be silent, for I will give you thanks for ever.

Based on Psalm 30 in 'To Minister His Grace' S Thomas K Mayhew 1995

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

Prayer focus:

1. for peace and reconciliation to break out in Syria, Afghanistan and other countries of the Middle East.
2. for Christian missionaries taking the Gospel message into hostile situations.
3. for Margaret Fairer, Mary Daniels, Doug Brown, Peggy Cemmick, Pat Dean, Kay Tabb and Enid Burdon, recovering from treatment or surgery.
4. for those involved in preparing for our ecumenical Lenten services.
5. for Gaines Robinson, Doris Robinson, Jan & Filly Sams

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:

Alma and Carl would like to thank the Church for the cheering gift of flowers, and thank you to Heather for her usual cheerful delivery style.

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

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.

Rotas: I will be preparing the rotas for March – May soon, and would like unavailable dates please. It would be wonderful if more people could put themselves forward to go on one of these rotas as those already on are being very stretched. Duties are counting the collection; Door Stewarding; Overhead Projector operating, and serving refreshments following the morning service. The sound rota has already been produced, but there are only 5 people who provide this valuable service. Please contact Jan (241 124) if you would like more information, and remember that training is given.

London Calling! The new quiz is now available from Alma or Carl, the usual price and usual prizes. Please note that the answer to No. 18 has 10 letters and not 9.

Church Finance matters:

The church no longer has a television licence so no programmes can be viewed on a tv or computer.

The Finance Team met on Monday to review the current church finances. It was estimated that we would spend approximately £9000 more than we receive this year. We have now received £7600 from gift aid refund, which was due in August, and I have received a private donation of £500. The television licence has not been renewed which will save a further £150. However the copyright licence has increased and our gas since mid December has increased by more than one third. The main worry is the fact that annual giving is **£110.29 less every week** than last year. If this continues we will be approximately £5700 short in giving **plus** £750 short to cover other expenses. Can I, on behalf of the Finance Team, urge all to prayerfully review their financial giving towards the work of Our Lord. There will be a meeting on **Monday 27 February at 7:30pm** to consider fundraising events to help meet the expected shortfall. This meeting is open to **every member of the church family**. If you are willing to assist with fundraising, but unable to attend the meeting, please contact me or pass your name onto any steward. Liz Waugh ~ Treasurer Tel: 788566 Eliz.waugh@googlemail.com

Work Days: The Property Team have arranged for work days to take place on Thurs 9th Feb, from 9am, and possibly on Sat 25th Feb, all are VERY welcome. If you need more information please have a word with Bob Dean or Brian Cooper.

"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 are 12th February and 11th March. If you would like to know more about this then speak to Ben or Jenny Connor benandjenny@phonecoop.coop

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/teddiestothearctic2012> 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.teddiestothearctic.weebly.com>

Guild Coffee morning: on Saturday 18th February 10 –12 noon, proceeds in aid of Bible Fresh. There will be the usual cake stall, and any donations of cakes will be welcome ~ *Thank you*

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.

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 graham.morgan@methodist.org.uk Tel: 01388 772898

'Getting Emily to America' Emily was one of the Girls in our Girls Brigade, and very sadly, her mum died last year. Emily now lives in Spain with her Grandma and Granddad, but wishes to live in America with her Auntie, who intends to adopt her, but because of US Laws she is unable to move over there,. A petition has been created, and Emily would be grateful if you could spare some time to sign it, she would gratefully appreciate it. You can access this by going on Google, and typing in 'Getting Emily to America' or http://www.petitions24.com/getting_emily_to_america Thank you!
~ Girls Brigade.

Starz Family Service: Many thanks to those who supported Grace in the first of these gatherings. It was an imaginative and user-friendly way to get across the Creation story -- and of course the food helped to digest it all!

Cockerton Library: Don't forget to take out your allocation of books regularly and help to raise borrowing numbers, especially on National Libraries day on Feb 4th at 10.30 at Cockerton Library. Have a word with Jenny Connor who is on the Save Cockerton Library Committee. Sign a petition which is in the church entrance or online at <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/Democracy/Democracy/democraticinvolvement/petitionscheme/ongoing/Stop+Cockerton+Library+Closing...>

Fun Quiz Night in aid of Darlington Town Mission: Come along and bring your friends to All Saints Church Hall in Ravensdale Road at 7.30pm, for a fun packed evening on Friday February 17th. There is a Pie and peas supper included, but bring your own drinks. Tickets are £6 per person from Brian Tyreman 07795630712 and Sue Murton 01325 243765. **We aim to prevent and provide relief from isolation in the elderly.**

Churches Together in Cockerton Lenten Services: This year's services on Wednesdays at 12 noon and followed by refreshments are as follows:

29th February at St. Mary's; 7th March at the Methodist Church; 14th March at St. Mary's;

21st March at the Methodist Church; 28th March at St. Mary's

The Good Friday evening service preceded by the 6.00 p.m. Walk of Witness is at the Methodist Church.

This weeks Church Diary

Mon 6 Prayer Meeting ~ 9.30am
Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm

Tues 7 Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm – Annual dinner

Wed 8 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 9 Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am

Fri 10 Playgroup ~ 9.15 – 11.15am
Art Group ~ 1.00pm
Girl's Brigade ~ 6.00pm
Boy's Brigade ~ 6.00pm

February

Mon 6 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
Tues 7 Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
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 Guild Coffee morning 10 – 12noon.
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 Lenten Lunch ~ 12noon at St Mary's
Wed 29 Engage XL ~7.30pm

March

Thurs 1 Wesley Guild ~ 7.30pm ~ "Links with Sierra Leone" with Derrick Jackson
Sat 3 Circuit Prayer breakfast ~ 8.15am at Harrowgate Hill
Mon 5 Women's Fellowship Lunch ~ 12.30pm
Mon 5 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
Tues 6 Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
Tues 6 Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm "Rockcliffe Hall" with Chris Lloyd
Wed 7 Lenten Lunch ~ 12noon at Methodist Church
Wed 7 Engage ~7.30pm
Thurs 8 Westbourne Grove Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (350410)
Thurs 8 Sue's Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (480521)
Thurs 8 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm at 88 Lunedale Road (462196)
Mon 13 Women's Fellowship Lunch ~ 12.30pm
Wed 14 Lenten Lunch ~ 12noon at St Mary's
Wed 14 Engage ~7.30pm
Thurs 15 Wesley Guild ~ 7.30pm~ "My Testimony" with Brian Simpson
Sat 17 Church Walk ~ 11.00am
Mon 19 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
Tues 20 Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
Tues 20 Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm "Arborist" with Phil Hines from DBC
Wed 21 Lenten Lunch ~ 12noon at Methodist Church
Wed 21 Engage ~7.30pm
Thurs 22 Westbourne Grove Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (350410)
Thurs 22 Sue's Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (480521)
Thurs 22 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm at 88 Lunedale Road (462196)
Mon 27 Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
Wed 28 Lenten Lunch ~ 12noon at St Mary's
Wed 28 Engage ~7.30pm
Thurs 29 Wesley Guild ~ 7.30pm ~ "The Leprosy Mission Work" with John Roughly

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

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