

# NEWSFLASH

## WHITBURN PARISH CHURCH



22nd May 2016  
Trinity Sunday

### SERVICES

10.00am Holy Eucharist  
6.30pm Evensong

Midweek Services  
Monday 9.30am

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Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

Old Testament reading from Proverbs 8. 1 – 4, 22 – 31

*Wisdom's Call* – Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: "To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind." The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before

We hope we are a friendly and welcoming bunch here at Whitburn.

We do want to speak with you and get to know you.

Please stay after the service, which ends after the organ voluntary, so that we can chat over a cup of coffee.





his deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

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**New Testament reading from Romans 5. 1 – 5**

*Peace and Hope* – Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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**The Gospel reading from John 16. 12 – 15**

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

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**Churches Together in South Tyneside Foodbank**

South Tyneside Foodbank is urgently asking for help – to help others.

A the back of church is a basket for food donations.

If we all added an extra couple of items to our shopping which could then be brought in on a Sunday morning, that would be wonderful.

They would be most grateful for items such as soups, variety pack of cereals, pasta sauces, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, pasta etc; the list is endless. By making a donation we will help and support the vital work of this foodbank. Thank you

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**Thank You**

We are happy to report that the cheque we have sent off to help the work of Livability, which deals with people with Dementia/Alzheimer's was for £455.

Thank you for your very kind donations during Lent.

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### Christian Aid

You will find along with your newsflash a Christian Aid envelope. Please give what you can for this annual collection which helps so many people to simply live. Place your donations in the bucket at the font .

“ Jesus calls us to love our neighbour, not just the ones next door or at the end of the street.” Thank you.

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### Thank You

Walter would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, but most of all he would like to thank all of you for your friendship.

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### Free Pic-nic

The annual picnic will be held (weather permitting) on the village green as usual this year on the first Sunday in June (5th).



Bring your own food and drink and something to sit on.

Music will be provided by 'Cat's Night Out' and there will also be a bouncy castle for the kids.



You can book your selected spot from 12 noon and the music will start at 1pm. See you there. John Shield

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### Churchwardens

Please remember in your prayers this week John Shield and Michael O'Brien who will take office as our Churchwardens on Tuesday 24th May.

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### Church Clock – Latest

Can I apologise for the fact that the Church Clock has stopped. It has been stopping, starting and going on a go slow for some time now. I have talked to our clock maintenance engineer, Geoff Armitage on more than one occasion and he has been baffled by it's erratic behaviour.

However now that it has ' stopped, short, never to go again' I am wondering if we are going to have a bereavement.

Once stopped it is easier to diagnose the problem and Geoff will be visiting at the beginning of June to rectify the problem.

In the meantime keep on winding your watch.

As an aside, my old Latin teacher thought that a pocket watch was a cross between a watch and a clock and should be called a CLOTCH.

Thank you John

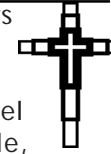
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*If you have any items of news or details of events that you would like to share with others. They can be reported in both the weekly newsletter and the monthly magazine so please let me know.*

*My email address for your items to be sent direct to me is –  
suet@whitburnparishchurch.co.uk or my mobile 07425141264*



**Prayers for this week** Please remember in your prayers this week Claudia, Linda Winchester, Michael and Greta Hafferty, Pamela Moody, Betty Kelly, Amy Hetherington, Jean Gibbons, Mike Hutson, Doreen Walker, Mary Stafford, Muriel Downs, Marion Williams, Ella Wright, Alf Middleton, Evelyn Dale, Wendy Lynch, Doreen Davis, Mary Stephenson, Eileen Cooper, Linda Franks, Janet Jennings, Andrew Rutherford, Ella Smith and Shelagh Wright and their families.



**Obituary**

We remember Ethel Oliver who died recently and we keep Randle and his family in our prayers.



Ethel's funeral will take place here at 12.00 on Wednesday 24th May.

**Bishopwearmouth Choral Society**

Would like to invite you to come along to a musical revue



Side by Side by Sondheim

Saturday 18th June

at 7.30pm in Sunderland Minster



Featuring the songs of Broadway and film composer Stephen Sondheim, the songs are in the form of a revue, with various sections tied together by being from a particular Sondheim musical or having a common theme. Sounds like a good night out – Tickets are £14 Nave; £8 Gallery and Under 16s are free. Please see a member of the Choral Society (Christine Alder here at Whitburn is a member) or on the night or online.

**Join us for Evensong**

We are one of only a few churches who hold Evensong on a Sunday evening – Please come and join us at 6.30pm each week to listen and enjoy our wonderful choir.

**Revd Ian Davies**

Can be contacted on Tel: 0191 514 3055 / 07972866341

If the answer machine is on, please leave a message, and he will ring you back. Or Email - [reviand@manx.net](mailto:reviand@manx.net)

**Stepping Stones Prayer**

Dear Lord, Thank you for all the things that grow around us.  
 Help us to understand the world around us that you have created for us.  
 Help us to grow in Jesus' way.  
 Thank you for your love.  
 Give us hope that one day we will all live in peace and harmony.  
 Help us to love each other, following Jesus' way.  
 Members of the congregation are asked to bring to the attention of the Churchwardens any safety issues.

**1st Sunday  
After Trinity**

29th May 2016

10.00am

Holy Eucharist

6.30pm

Evensong (BCP)

