

SERVICES IN JULY

July 7th **Trinity 3 (Proper 9)**
8.30am Holy Communion, St Stephen's
10.15am Café Church, St Aidan's
*Communion Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-14;
Luke 10: 1-11*

July 14th **Trinity 4 (Proper 10)**
8.30am Holy Communion, St Stephen's
10.15am Holy Communion, St Stephen's
*Communion Readings: Amos 7:7-end
Luke 10:25-37*

July 21st **Trinity 5 (Proper 11)**
8.30am Holy Communion, St Stephen's
10.15am All Age Worship, St Aidan's
*Communion Readings: Amos 8: 1-12
Luke 10: 38-end*

July 28th **Trinity 6 (Proper 12)**
8.30am Holy Communion, St. Stephen's
10.15am Holy Communion, St. Stephen's
*Communion Readings: Hosea 1: 2-10;
Luke 11: 1-13*

Weekday services of Holy Communion in July
Every Thursday —10.00am in St Aidan's
(First Thursday Mothers' Union Corporate Communion)

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SERVICES IN AUGUST

August 4th

8.30am
10.15am

Trinity 7 (Proper 13) Transfiguration

Holy Communion, St Stephen's
All Age Service, St Aidan's
*Communion Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26- 12:13a
John 6 :24-35*

August 11th

8.30am
10.15am

Trinity 8 (Proper 14)

Holy Communion, St Stephen's
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*Communion Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33;
John 6: 35, 41-51*

August 18th

8.30am
10.15am

Trinity 9 (Proper 15)

Holy Communion, St Stephen's
Holy Communion, St Aidan's

*Communion Readings: 1 Kings 2 :10-12, 3: 3-14;
John 6:51-58*

August 25th

8.30am
10.15am

Trinity 10 (Proper 16)

Holy Communion, St. Stephen's
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*Communion Readings: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43;
John 6: 56-69*

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Uniform Groups

Beavers	HQ Front Street	Thur 6.00-7.15pm
Cubs	HQ Front Street	Mon 6.30-8.30pm
Apaches	HQ Front Street	Wed 6.30-8.30pm
Scouts	HQ Front Street	Fri 7.00-9.00pm
Rainbows	Parish Hall	Wed 6.00-7.00pm
Brownies	Parish Hall	Tue 6.15-8.00pm
Guides	St Aidan's	Wed 7.00-9.00pm

Useful contacts

Bookings

Parish Hall – Val Atkinson 01904 799494
St Aidan's – Christine Chittock 01904 784348

Planned Giving and Young People's Fund

Nigel Atkinson 01904 799494

Home Groups

A member of the clergy (*see inside cover*)

Squeals on Wheels

Jennifer Deamer 01904 330569

Mothers' Union

Anne Barker 07949714103

Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Micki Stokoe 01904 781477

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Nick Lincoln 07882237352
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Church Flowers

St Stephen's – Lynn Butler
St Aidan's

From Acomb Parish Church Registers...

WEDDING

.....Those whom God has joined together

FUNERALS

..... into the hands of God

INTERMENT OF ASHES

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If you had more faith God would answer your prayer?

Alexander Pope wrote 'a little knowledge is a dangerous thing'. The maxim, suggesting that we can know a little and assume we know more than we do, is never truer than when we come to the topic of prayer. It is assumed by some that if you want to have prayers answered, you need 'more faith' – if we could only summon up a little more, we would tip the balance and the Almighty would acquiesce to our request.

Jesus does not have a "faith-ometer" that gives some kind of measure to see if the required level has been reached. Jesus said that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed we can move mountains. His point was that it doesn't take much faith! The view that 'if only we had more faith our prayers would be answered' is a dangerous misunderstanding that has itself led to unnecessary suffering for those who didn't get what they wanted, and then blamed themselves.

Prayer isn't just about making requests. If children only ever spoke to their parents when they wanted things, you would know something was wrong with their relationship. Philosophy Professor Dallas Willard defines prayer as 'conversation with God about our life together'. God knows our needs and desires but loves to hear from us in person.

The Bible gives us lots of answers to life's problems, but prayer will always be something of a mystery. In the film Bruce Almighty, Bruce is given the power to answer prayer. Faced with a barrage of requests, he cannot cope so grants them all and chaos results.

Our trust in God includes trusting Him for the outcome, which may be 'yes', 'no' or 'wait'. We may not know 'why', and that can be hard.

As long as we have trust and faith we don't need to worry about levels.

Based on an article by Andy Peck.

Printed in full in MU Families First Magazine, Summer Edition

PCC Meeting

The PCC met at St. Aidan's on the 10th June 2019.

As it was the first meeting of the new PCC the start of the meeting was given over to the appointments on the PCC for the coming year.

These are:-

Secretary Anne Barker

Vice-Chair Rachel Parker

Treasurer Nigel Atkinson

Electoral Roll Officer Gordon Wise

Safeguarding Representative John Goodrich

Appointments to the committees supporting the work of the churches were also decided on.

The remainder of the meeting was mainly given over to matters arising from the Annual meeting. One of the main discussions was on the changes made at St Stephen's for the Lent/Easter period especially the mid morning service and it was decided that these would remain in place until the decision on the placement of the new audio/visual equipment was reached.

PCC Secretary

Acomb Local History Group

On Wednesday, 10th July 2018 we will have a talk
entitled

Poverty— A Study in Town Life
By Malcolm Walker

We start our meeting at 10.00am (prompt)
in ACOMB PARISH CHURCH HALL, FRONT STREET. Acomb
ADMISSION : Members £1 Visitors £2.00
(includes tea/coffee/biscuit)

Memories of our Barn Dance

Our Barn Dance in June was very well attended by a wide range of people - church members, their family and friends and people from our local community. It really was a wonderful family event and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Special thanks to all the musicians who performed brilliantly and John Haslam for keeping us all in step!



St. Aidan's garden

A huge thank you to Good Gym and all the great, generous, guys from church helping gardening and maintenance work at St. Aidan's on the 11th June.

A huge amount of garden waste / weeds was dug out and about six trips with full car loads was taken to the skip so far.

Thank you to Geoff for his continued lawn cutting week in week out.

Garden maintenance will continue throughout the summer with some groundwork and heavy pruning in the Autumn at St Aidan's and the curates house in order to ensure the areas are low maintenance in the future.

Offers of help will be much appreciated.

Rachel Parker

IMAGES OF ISRAEL

Andrew Bailey would like to thank all of those generously contributed a total of £157.15p at the two presentations. This will be divided between Embrace the Middle East, SAT-7 and Musalaha. For further information on these charities see Andrew.

What's On

July Mothers' Union

The July meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday 9th at 2.15pm at St Aidan's.

This month's guest speaker is John Hetherington, Military Officiating Chaplain.



All Mothers' Union meetings are open to all, men and women; young and the not so young, so please come and join us..

Monthly Craft Evenings

The next monthly craft evening will be on Tuesday 16th July from 7.30pm to 9pm at the Ellis Room. Come and enjoy tea, biscuits and conversation. If you do not do a craft come along anyway. Contact is Emily on 07473771491

Parish Coffee Morning and Craft Fair

Saturday 27th July

10.30am-12.30pm

At the Parish Hall



We are holding a **Summer Concert** on Saturday 3rd August at 7pm at St Stephen's Church. There will be an organ recital and solo performances. The event will be free but a retiring collection will go towards lighting the church path.

Memories of Doctor Tom Park

We were saddened by the loss of Tom Park this week.

We moved to Acomb fifty years ago with our young family. Tom Park was our GP. He attended to us and the children in their growing years if need arose.

Although a health professional myself, he always understood my concerns as a mother when they were ill. We will never forget his medical expertise and his human quality of kindness and unhurried listening.

As we look back on the changing chapters of life, we are grateful to have had such a lovely family doctor.

Rest in peace, Tom

Irene Colton and family

Kim and I have both known and admired Tom for many years. He skilfully sorted out her back problem permanently soon after she first moved to Acomb.

Doreen and he have always been generous Christian Aid supporters - of time as well as money. In the glory years of the Acomb house to house collection it was always a pleasure to welcome to our house the entertaining and efficient counting team of Tom, Doreen, and Isobel Funnell.

John Goodrich

Events in July & August

JULY

- TUE 2 9 to 11am Squeals on Wheels
(Babies & Toddlers), St Aidan's
3.30-5.30pm Messy Church, St Aidan's
- THU 4 7 to 7.30am Meeting for Prayer, St Aidan's
10am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion,
St Aidan's
- SUN 7** 5 to 8pm Sunday Supper, Parish Hall
- TUE 9 9 to 11am Squeals on Wheels
(Babies & Toddlers), St Aidan's
2.15pm MU Branch Meeting, St Aidan's
- THU 11 7 to 7.30am Meeting for Prayer, St Aidan's
- SUN 14** 5 to 8pm Sunday Supper, Parish Hall
- MON 15 7.30pm PCC Meeting, St. Aidan's
- TUE 16 9 to 11am Squeals on Wheels
(Babies & Toddlers), St Aidan's
7.30-9pm Craft Evening, Ellis Room
- SUN 21** 5 to 8pm Sunday Supper, Parish Hall
- SAT 27 10.30 to 12.30 Coffee and Craft Morning, Parish Hall

AUGUST

- THU 1 10am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion,
St Aidan's

SUMMER MUSIC SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Our FREE music sessions led by Joe Christie will be held on:
JUNE 18th and 25th
JULY 9th and 16th

UNDER 10's and their families - 4.30pm - 5.00pm. Come and enjoy percussion games, songs and the Hokey Cokey too!

OVER 10's - 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Come and sing lots of different songs, as well as songs from the musical 'JOSEPH'

**THANKS,
RACHEL AND BETH**