

## What's on ... ?

### Climate Café January 25<sup>th</sup> 11.30am

Northern Soul Kitchen

19 West Street, Berwick upon Tweed

A relaxed and welcoming space to meet and discuss your feelings around climate change.

### The North Northumberland Spirituality Network

An informal Christian ecumenical group working to bring opportunities for understanding and deepening prayer and the Spiritual Life to people across north Northumberland and beyond.

**Contact:** Rev. Lyn Phillips 07702 022501

### The Julian Prayer Group

The group offers some much-needed stillness and silence for our busy lives, guided by the wisdom of Julian of Norwich. All are welcome to join us for 45 minutes of contemplative prayer.

**When:** the last Tuesday of the month,  
11.45am to 12.30am

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### Alms Latest

Pre-pandemic, we supported charities every week through the alms plate at the back of church. As we are all aware, this ceased with lockdown. The good news is that we have raised over £500 by the sterling efforts of a number of people.

The other great success was the Saturday coffee morning with cake, with an excellent raffle and a splendidly stocked produce bring and buy stall. Over £400 was made. The money raised by these two superb events will be shared between 4 charities:

**WaterAid** - improving access to safe water, toilets and hygiene. Since 1981, they have reached 23 million people.

**Mary's meals** offers a simple solution to world hunger. Give a child a free meal every day at school.

It costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year, so even the smallest amounts can have a huge impact. Children come to school, can concentrate, and receive an education, instead of working or begging. Local mothers volunteer to provide the meals, often something simple like corn paste with a meat or vegetable sauce.

**Welcome Churches** Emergency Afghanistan Fund. We've all seen the images on television. Families arriving with what they can carry. The Welcome Churches Emergency Afghan Fund works in this country, offering help to new arrivals.

**Christian Aid** – the money will go towards helping the world's poorest and most affected by the climate crisis. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. The climate emergency is one of the greatest injustices we face. Christian Aid provides help in practical ways.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

If there are any events or information you would like to see in future Monthly Messengers please contact:

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As a child, I always enjoyed New Year, staying up late celebrating - it was so exciting! Through the years, it didn't have quite the same feeling. It was a time to remember the joys, the sorrows, the hellos, the goodbyes, and the journeys that had been taken. Some years, it didn't feel like a 'happy' new year, and after the joy of Christmas, it could all feel, well, a bit flat!

I wonder how Mary and Joseph felt once the shepherds had returned to the fields, and the wise men returned home. Did they have a moment where they looked at the Christ-child and realised they needed to make the long journey home and go back to 'normal'?

They had the normal worries and joys of new parents, but it was never going to be 'normal'! They had hope in a tiny child who was to bring peace and love to the whole earth, for generations to come.

At Christmas we welcome the Christ-child into our hearts, the New Year is a time for looking ahead. We will remember what has gone before, but we walk in the light, following Jesus, in the hope of what is to come. Life is full of beginnings and endings, and we become part of each other's journey. This year, may our journeys continue to open up to us the hope, the joy and the peace that Christ brings, and may we see that most wonderful gift of love in each other, wherever we may be.

Happy New Year! Rev. Tracey Usher

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## January Calendar of Events ... Dates for your Diary

### **Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> Feast of the Naming of Christ**

10.00 am: Holy Communion

### **30 minutes of Music to greet 2022**

11.30am – 12.30am

### **Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

See Sunday Services for the month, below

### **Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am: Holy Communion

### **Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> Epiphany**

See Sunday Services for the month, below.

### **Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am: Holy Communion

### **Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

See Sunday Services for the month, below

### **Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am: Holy Communion

### **Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00am – 12:00am

Readers and Intercessors Workshop

### **Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

See Sunday Services for the month

### **Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**

10.00am: Holy Communion

### **Julian Prayer Group**

11.45am

### **Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am: Holy Communion

### **Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

See Sunday Services for the month, below.

### **Sunday Services**

8.30am: Holy Communion

10.00am: Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong (with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month)

### **Every Thursday:**

10:00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

The Church is open daily and you are welcome to sit awhile for a time of prayer or reflection in St. Peter's Chapel.

## What's on ... ?

### **Sparklers**

Children are welcomed at Holy Trinity. In our monthly Sparklers' group, children age 3-10 learn about the Christian faith through stories, songs, games and lots of fun. The children come together in church at the beginning of the 10.00 am Parish Eucharist service, then leave for activities in the Parish Centre. Parents are welcome to join the children for activities.

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Contact:** Pamela Wright 07798 820051

### **Tea, Cake & Company**

Do you sometimes feel fed up and bored on Sunday afternoon? Come and join us in the Parish Centre for tea, delicious home-made cakes and people to chat to.

If you know anyone who would like to come, please invite them - all are welcome.

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month, 2.30-4.00pm

**Contact:** Ann Mawer 01289 763096

### **Organ/Coffee Concerts by Robert Gower**

Music is an important part of our worship. In addition to bringing music into our services, Robert gives short Saturday morning Coffee Concerts, playing a wide diversity of well-known and less well-known organ works.

New Year recital on Saturday January 1st at 11.30 am.

**Where:** Holy Trinity Church

**Contact:** Robert Gower 07908 401032