

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on **FRIDAY 2nd March** at **2 pm** in **St James Church**. We are seeking musicians and singers to help in the service. Music/choir rehearsals on **Friday 16th & 23rd February** at **11am** for **one hour** and dress rehearsal on **Friday 2nd March** from **10am** until the start of the service. All rehearsals in St James Church. Everyone welcome.

PATHWAYS MISSION WEEKEND **Morpeth Deanery 6-9th September 2018** being led across the Deanery by Bishops from the Northern Province and teams led by Archbishop Sentamu. Are you interested? Contact Liz Scott-Tatum 513447 or liz.scottatum@gmail.com

LIFEPATH 2018—an event mainly for Year 4 school children will take place at Brinkburn from Monday 25th to Friday 29th June. Volunteers welcome for various roles on a number of days. Prayer support also valued and there is a prayer update at the back of each church. Contact Kirstine Davis, Harriet Gilfillan or anyone who has been before if you would like to help.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Mustard Tree Trust school Chaplain Nick Rowark; Kirstine Davis, Val Cowan and the team from Youth for Christ North East, working in partnership from

IMPORTANT NOTICE
DATA PROTECTION
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In order to comply with the general Data Protection Regulations, by May 2018, the parish must check all records of personal data and be able to identify:

WHAT is held
WHERE it is held
WHY it is held and
Prove it is held SAFELY

If you are holding anyone's personal details or if you are a group leader, please advise Lindsey in the parish office (01670 503326) or Pauline Young (07779132452)

PLEASE NOTE THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE OFFICE TO DETERMINE WHAT INFORMATION IS BEING HELD ABOUT THEM AND THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR IT TO BE DESTROYED

19th March for five days to organise a sports week focused on football, in Morpeth and Rothbury Middle Schools for Year 7 & 8 pupils. "Team Talk, Coaching and Competition" will focus on justice, teamwork and forgiveness.

PARISH MISSION GIVING—we raised £11,244 in 2017. Many thanks for your generosity.



TODAY: SUNDAY 18th February— LENT 1
6.00pm St Aidan LYCiG Lent Course

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 25th February— LENT

8.00am	St James	Holy Communion
9.30am	St Mary	Family Communion
9.30am	St Aidan	Family Communion
11.15am	St James	Family Communion
4.00pm	StAidan	Tea Time Church
6.00pm	St Aidan	LYCiG Lent Course

Thought for Today
We can never escape or avoid the wilderness. Like Jesus, we must go through it. We must face temptations and be with the wild beasts. Yet we never go alone. The angels that ministered to Jesus will be there for us. "Remember who you are," is their message. "You are a beloved son of God. You are a beloved daughter of God. You are one with whom he is well pleased." Over and over they tell us. They encourage and reassure us. With each remembrance of who we are the demons are banished and we overcome the devil's temptations. With each remembrance of who we are we take another step toward God. That is the way through the wilderness of earthly life. Remembrance after remembrance. Step after step. "I am a beloved child of God. With me he is well pleased." Let that become our wilderness mantra. Let those words fill our minds, cross our lips, and occupy our hearts. The truth of those words is the way home.

Collect for Today
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Old testament Readings for Today
Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm 25.1-9
New Testament 1 Peter 3.18-22
Gospel Reading Mark 1.9-15

THE MINISTRY TEAM

For details of the full Ministry Team, please see 'Concord' magazine or the list at the back of each church.

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

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EACH WEEK: MONDAY & TUESDAY

Morning Prayer at St James from 9am to 9.30am

WEDNESDAY

"Journey" Group meets in St James Vestry at 7pm—contact Emily Gibson 07713474443

Wednesday Home Group meets at 15 Bankside, Allery Banks every second Wednesday. Next meeting **after Lent course on 11th April at 7 pm**. Details from Revd Cooper

THURSDAY

Holy Communion at St Aidan's 9.15 am

FRIDAY

Celtic Prayer breakfast 8am at Costa, Bridge Street

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Kate Booth, Mark Brown, Yvonne Heron, Dave Pope, Julia Wood, Vic Middleton

R I P: Robert (Bob) William Nesbit, Jean Hall, Thomas Raymond Parlett, Joyce Soulsby, Valerie Wilkinson, Leonard Millership, Jean Ingham

PRAYER MINISTRY is available at every service in the parish. If you would like someone to pray with you after Communion or at the end of the service, please approach one of the prayer team (look for their prayer team badges)

LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH (LYCiG) in LENT

St James Vestry 10am on Saturdays: **FEBRUARY 24th and MARCH 3rd & 10th** and at St Aidan's 6pm on Sundays: **FEBRUARY 25th & MARCH 4th & 11th**. The Sunday night session is a repeat of the Saturday session. Details from Revd Jeremy Cooper **Note that there will be no other 6pm evening services in the parish in February or early March.** Services at 6pm will resume with the Healing Service at St Aidan's on Sunday March 18th. **Jeremy Cooper**



The group meets on the second Monday of every month, in the

Chantry Tea Room. Details from Gena Fleming on 515741.

PATE & PUD SOCIAL EVENT at the RECTORY from 7pm

TONIGHT Come along with your pate or pudding or both and join in the fun. There will be a raffle.

OPEN A BOOK THIS LENT and you open your life to new possibilities. This Lent, why not try one of Richard Ferguson's series on the Gospels? Books are available for

sale in all our churches now.

FRIDAY FEAST Dates for 2018 as follows: March 16th. Why not pop along and enjoy a lovely meal, great fellowship and some space to go deeper with God? This is for all ages. Contact Simon or Rachel. In March we are looking at Identity. Pick up a post card for details and themes for 2018.

THE THURSDAY HOME GROUP will meet at Melveen, The Kylins (Muriel & Geoff Harris) at **6.30 on Thursday 22nd February**. Details from Muriel Harris on 515579

LENT RESOURCE—"Live Lent—Let Your Light Shine". Daily readings & prayer ideas for individual use. Available online from

www.churchofengland.org/lent or look daily on parish Facebook page. Some books also available in church (£3 each—money to Jeremy Cooper)

COLOURING LENT—Rachel Hudson has a set of 10 meditative colouring reflections for Lent, based on readings from Ash Wednesday through to Easter weekend. If you would like to try a different way of focusing your mind and praying through Lent, please ask Rachel for a set.

THE PARISH APCM WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY APRIL 29th AFTER THE 10 am JOINT SERVICE AT ST JAMES