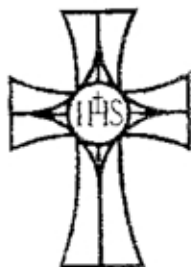


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THE VIRGIN
MONKSEATON



Notice Sheet

Sunday 19th February 2012

Sunday next before Lent

When Christ is revealed we will be like him for we will see him as he is.

OT Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

NT Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

'Giving Renewal' Sunday

In thanksgiving for all we receive from God through St Mary's, we re-commit ourselves to giving towards the costs of our mission and ministry

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Malcolm Macdonald

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Readers: Derek and Marian Burton

Intercessions: Judy Ross

Hymns: 32 436 70 67 448 419

Do stay for refreshments in church after the 10am Eucharist

6.00pm: Evening Service with the launch of **'THE PASSION'**

Come to see the first part of this inspiring film that launches both Lent and our Lent study Groups. This will run for one hour only and there will be chance to talk and pray and encourage each other as we enter into Lent.

Hymns: 29 509

"The God of the Bible is profoundly and perennially occupied with the kind of human suffering that comes when one brother or sister is able to establish economic and political leverage over another brother or sister. Because God is who God is, there must be liberation and transformation, and the re-establishment of equity, a community in which all attend to all." Walter Brueggemann

*Sunday@the pub – 8.30pm at The Dolphin, King Edward Rd, North Shields
For those aged 18 or over! (Organised by Cullercoats Methodist Church)*

Diary for the week:

❖ **Mon 20th Feb:** Perhaps you would like to be a Street Pastor! Come along to St John's 2pm - 3.30pm or on Monday 27th February 7.30pm-9pm to learn more about this project. See poster in the vestibule.

❖ **Tuesday 21st Feb:** 1pm - MU invites you to a Shrove Tuesday Famine Lunch & Poetry Reading by Clare Peel in the Hall. Tickets £2.50 from the committee.

• 8pm Bible Study Group meets at 9 Kingston Close, all welcome

❖ **Wed 22nd Feb:** *Ash Wednesday* 9.30am Eucharist with Ashing and an evening Eucharist at 7.30pm, also with Ashing and blessing for 'Lent Learning' leaders and groups.

• 12noon Lunch Club meets at Picasso's. All welcome.

• **MU@8:** 7.30pm In Church for Ash Wednesday Service, afterwards to the home of Kate Stobart. All welcome. General enquiries to Judith Mill (tel. 253 1190)

❖ **Friday 24th February:** 12.45pm - the funeral of Martha (Lou) Stewart in church.

❖ **Saturday 25th Feb:** 7.30pm Rachel Johnson is hosting a magical fundraiser at the Berkeley Tavern with a magician, food & disco. Tickets £5 or £10 per family to help Riverdale Grange, Sheffield, an eating disorder clinic that has cared for Rachel putting her on the road to recovery. *Tickets available from Sue Johnson.*

Services for Sunday 26th February

1st Sunday of Lent

8am: Eucharist


10am: Sung Eucharist - Lent begins today and the service will begin in silence. Please try and be in your seats by 9.50am if possible.

Only the Gospel reading will be used: Mark 1: 9-15

6.00pm: 'With Open Hands' – 'Dry Bones' - a time of quiet & reflection in church

DATES AND NEWS:

❑ **Friday 2nd March:** 2pm Women's World Day of Prayer at St Andrew's, Monkseaton

❑ **Saturday 3rd March:** 10am-12noon Coffee Morning organised by MenZone in the Hall with cake stall and raffle 

❑ **Sunday 4th March:** St Mary's Wheelers at the Chapel of NT Hospital, Rake Lane. Sign up on the list in the vestibule. New wheelers always welcome!


❑ **Tuesday 6th March:** 2.15pm Deanery Quiet Afternoon at Christ Church, N Shields.

❑ **Wed 7th March:** 12 noon MenZone meet at the Golf Club. Speaker Chris Lincoln to talk about "Whitley Bay Street Pastors". Sign up no later than Sunday 4th March


❑ **THE PLEDGING SCHEME** is on the website - www.stmarysmonkseaton.co.uk.

William Walker, Bryan Morgan and Ruth Blake thank those who have already hosted a House Meeting and those who have offered to host in the coming weeks. Please contact us if you are willing to either host or attend a House Meeting.

❑ **As from 23rd February** the new address for Kathleen Dales will be 2 Grenada Close, Whitley Bay, NE26 1HD. The telephone number remains the same as 2524585

❑ **Justice and Peace Coffee Morning** on Saturday, 4th February, raised £122. Many thanks to all who helped and attended. 

❑ **If you are not on St Mary's Electoral Roll** and would like to be, please pick up a form from the vestibule. You need to be on the ER to vote at the forthcoming APCM. Or please check the existing list to see if your details are correct.

❑ **Thank you** if you came and supported Desert Island Discs, which was a hugely enjoyable fundraising event. Thank you to Alan Campbell MP for being our Castaway and thanks especially our own Roy Plomley (Jeff Pickering). £450 was raised towards the refurbishment of St Mary's. Many thanks. 

❑ **DRAFT PARISH DIRECTORY 2012:** There is a DRAFT Parish Directory in the vestibule. Please check that your entry is correct and inform the Office if it is not.

❑ **Flower Arranging:** I would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in being on the rota for flower arranging. Your turn would be around 3 times in the year and you don't need to be of a professional standard and help can be given initially. Money for flowers is provided. If you are interested ring Marian Burton on 2512064

❑ **Is anyone** out there interested in archaeology, model aeroplanes or aircraft of the First World War? I have a collection of magazines that need a good home, as it's such a shame to 'chuck' them out! There are also many unmade model aeroplanes – free to anyone who is interested! Please phone Gregg on 2521593

❑ **We are starting a Needlework Group** and if you are interested in joining us (Jane, Ruth & Thelma) please let Thelma know on 2528828

❑ **We need 5 or 6 volunteers** to store about 5 wooden church chairs each, at their homes, until required around Christmas or other times. If you can help please let the office or Tom Savage know.



I am reviewing the list of readers for the 10am Eucharist. If there is anyone who would like to join the rota, please let me know. I am always grateful when people offer, as I don't like badgering and scaring people off! Also if anyone wishes to come off the rota, now is the time to tell me. As a rough guide, the rota comes round about every three months. *Ann Dodgson*

Evangelism Take Away! A Newcastle Diocesan Synod Forum for all on Saturday 24th March, 10am-12.45pm at St John's, Percy Main. Everyone with a heart for mission is invited to look at evangelism past, present & future. *See poster*

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH (following 10am Eucharist)

Please keep this important date free in your diary

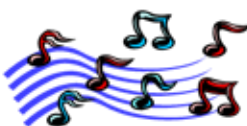
The Parish Office would appreciate the return of group reports by 23rd February at the latest. Many thanks

CHRISTIAN AID – MAKING LENT COUNT IN 2012: Christian Aid is asking us this Lent to reflect on God's blessings and remember those for whom poverty is a daily reality. This year's Count Your Blessings contains engaging new actions and inspiring stories of Christian Aid's work. Look at <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent-2012>

'Readers on Writers'

The opportunity to have some fun, enjoy supper together and learn a little!

A series of 4 events hosted in different venues around our diocese. At each event 3 Diocesan Readers have accepted the challenge to present to us the life and times of 3 different theologians (only 10 minutes each!) and to help us discover their principal message. First event is Monday 16th April, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Cathedral. See the poster for details and dates of the other events. Come to one or come to all!



Young Notes, with some Valley Gardens pupils, will be performing "Jonah Manjazz" as part of the Centenary Music Evening on Friday, 27th April in Church. If you are between 7-10 years old and would like to take part please come to Church on Tuesdays from 5-6pm. Further information from Carole Lax or Stephen Pettitt.

EILEEN NOBLE'S INSTALLATION AS CANON on Sunday, 25th March, at 6pm in Newcastle Cathedral. There is a list on the vestibule notice board. Please add your name if you would like to go.

Diary Date: **Sun 15th April** - The new PCC will be commissioned at the 10am Eucharist

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Please pray regularly:

For St Mary's Pledging Scheme aiming to raise funds for the continuing refurbishment of St Mary's and for those hosting House Meetings during the next week.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Rachel Johnson
Pat Blackah
Friedhelm & family and Martina
Dorothea Bagshaw

Rest in Peace

Martha (Lou) Stewart

Weekly Services

Eucharist: Tuesday (BCP) 9.30am Wednesday 9.30am
Morning Prayer: Monday– Friday 9.00am