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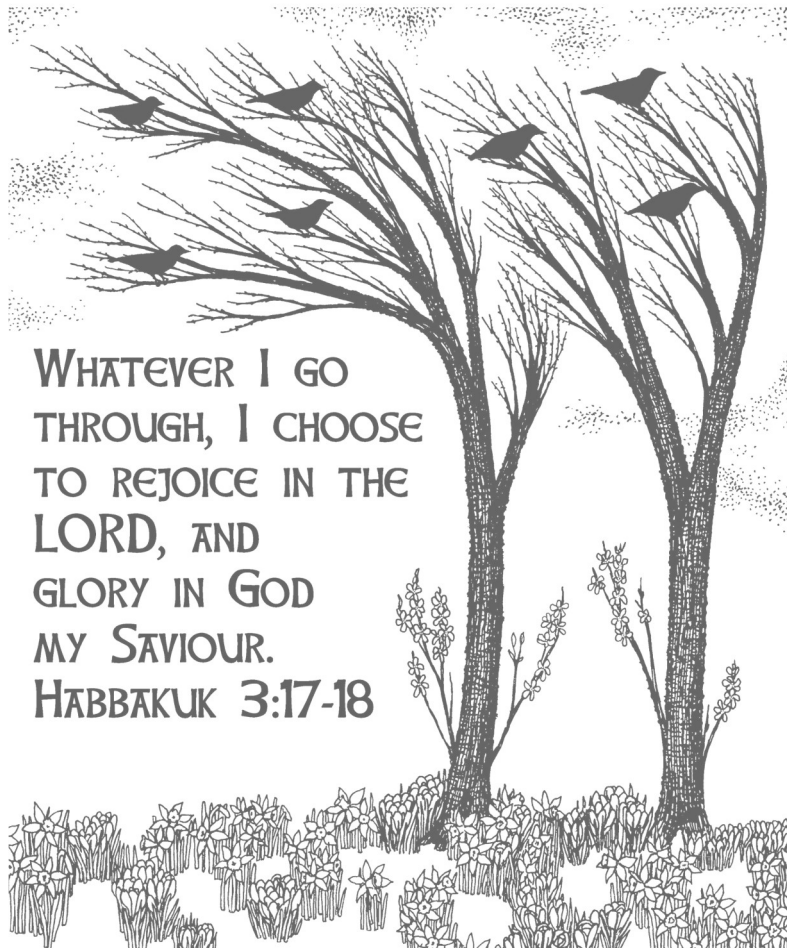
The Central Hartlepool Group Ministry

# THE MAGAZINE

**February 2023**



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St Luke's is a community whose purpose is to share Christ's love with all people, through worship, learning, caring relationships and service to others.



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## For Children & Young People

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLUB

During the 9.15am Parish Eucharist (except 2nd Sundays).

Currently we're not meeting due to lack of children aged 4-11.

We'll be back as soon as we are able.



## LITTLE ANGELS

For the under 5s with their parents, grandparents or carers.



**Thursdays**

**9.30am to 11.15am**

Term time only.

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Briony Paterson - 07429 439577

*For other activities, please see Page 4*

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

St Luke's Mothers' Union meets at 2pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

*Contact Pam Harding 268270*

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## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2023

5 Feb	9.15am	Parish Eucharist
12 Feb	9.15am	Family Eucharist and Baptism Welcome
19 Feb	9.15am	Parish Eucharist
22 Feb	9.30am	Ash Wednesday Service BCP
	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service at St Aidan's
26 Feb	9.15am	Lent Eucharist

9.30am Every Wednesday Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

11-12.30 Tuesday 7th February BAPTISM booking and preparation

## GROUPS, ACTIVITIES & ORGANISATIONS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Cubs (meeting at Throston School)</b>	6.15pm - 7.45pm
	<i>Claire Craig</i>	<i>Tel: 420030</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Sewing Party</b>	2.00pm - 4.00pm
	<i>Maggie Hammond</i>	<i>Tel: 872066</i>
	<b>29th Brownies</b>	6.00pm - 7.30pm
	<i>Gillian Rogers 15 Grantham Ave</i>	<i>Tel: 234517</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Beavers</b>	5.45pm - 7.00pm
	<i>Louise Moriarty</i>	<i>Tel: 223640 Mob: 07807142755</i>
	<b>Scouts</b>	7.30pm—9.00pm
	<i>John Kelly</i>	<i>Tel: 07846 631805</i>
	<b>Mothers' Union (3rd Wednesday)</b>	2.00pm - 3.30pm
	<i>Pam Harding</i>	<i>Tel: 268270</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>St Luke's 'Little Angels'</b>	9.30am - 11.15am
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	<b>Cubs (meeting at West Park School)</b>	6.00pm - 7.30pm
	<i>Mark Anderson</i>	<i>Mob: 07889 177547</i>

Boys Brigade is suspended. A new Captain needs to be recruited. Please contact Richard Cambridge 01429 280860 if interested.



### BIBLE STUDY — OPEN TO ALL

The Bible Study Group meetings will recommence with a pre-Lent meeting at 7.15pm on Thursday 9 February, taking a closer look at Candlemas.

Lent will be following a Course based on religious art. Please see page 7 For more details.

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## Suffering and Anxiety

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

As a church family we know that recently in the world and even amongst the congregations there has been much pain and suffering and loss. Especially in the last few years. I also sense that anxiety is also on the increase. There are so many things that can cause this rise of anxiety: the cost of living, the cost of heating, illness and death, the unknown future?

When one part of the body suffers, we all suffer. In times like these big questions can come up and they are difficult to answer. Communication of feelings and thoughts is vital for our mental health. So let me say here 'Don't bottle things up'. Find a friend to talk things over with, if you would like a chat with me, just make that known.

God never promised us an easy life here on earth, but when hard times happen it can knock our faith. There is a teaching in the Bible that tells us that some of Jesus disciples left him. Things became too hard for them! It is in these hard times that God wants us to draw near to Him, so He can give comfort and reassure us that He still loves us. Even if that doesn't make the problem go away!

God is always on His throne; He sees over everything. I don't think that He causes everything to happen. When I fell off my bike and hurt my ribs, I don't think God stuck an invisible stick into my spokes! I believe accidents happen. I may have a follow up question of "why didn't you catch me?". So, whatever you're going through right now, talk to God about it.

He is open to hearing your questions and He is also open to hearing the anger you may be feeling about your situation. God knows and understands emotions, so talk to Him. One of the verses that shows Jesus's emotion was at the death of Lazarus. Jesus meets Lazarus's sisters, and in the Bible it simply says 'Jesus wept'... He cried and shared his tears with the sisters who had lost their brother. He was overcome by emotions.



## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to 2023! Thank you to all those who have supported the production of The Magazine over the past year, both financially and in its distribution.

It's time to ask you for the annual subscription. This year we have kept the price per issue once again at 80pence, making £8.00 for the 10 issues we produce. We encourage anyone to make a contribution to The Magazine's content—personal stories are always the most interesting, see the article from Pauline on page 12.

*Many thanks, Julia*

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## DEPARTED

To God with our love go:

24th October 2022	Ileane Lumley (Crem.)
16th December	Kathlyn Anne Williamson (Crem,)
20th December	Audrey Dougherty
13th January 2023	Philip Lloyd Clark (Crem.)
16th January	Joan Pringle
23rd January	Robert Michael Gregan (Crem.)

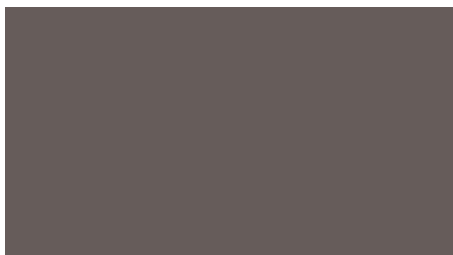
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## A LENT COURSE

This year's course will run on Thursdays in the Parish Centre, six sessions from 23rd February to 30th March.

The theme will be to take a Lectio Divina approach looking at Religious Art and we will be led by a team of people from the Central Hartlepool Group giving us a different perspective each week on their chosen piece.

We hope as many as possible will join us for what looks to be a very interesting set of talks.





# What's on February 2023

28 Jan	10.00am CANDLEMAS COFFEE MORNING
30 Jan	2.00pm Re-arranged Sewing Party
31 Jan	11.30am Funeral of Margaret Brain
3 Feb	7.00pm Guides AGM
5 Feb	10.30am Savings Club for 2023 starts for 40 weeks.
7 Feb	7.00pm Deanery Synod at Holy Trinity Church
9 Feb	7.15pm pre Lent Study Night
13 Feb	7.15pm Standing Committee
15 Feb	2.00pm Mothers' Union AGM
21 Feb	6.00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday Services (see page ??)
23 Feb	7.15pm Lent Course starts
27 Feb	7.15pm PCC meeting

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## Rededication of Stranton Bells

The newly refurbished bells, a peal of eight, have been hoisted up back into the bell tower and are now ready to be put back to work.

The Rededication will be at All Saints Church, Stranton, at 2.00pm on Saturday 25th February.

All welcome!







What a busy  
three weeks we  
had in  
December!



To start, we went to both schools for their nativities. Sheila and Joanne went to Jesmond Gardens to watch the Reception class. It was a proper Nativity with the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, and all the children dressed up, complete with donkeys. The children sang some lovely songs. Afterwards, they joined the parents and staff along with children to draw and colour some nativity pictures. To finish, there was coffee and biscuits.

I went to watch the "Inn-inspectors" performed by Year 3 at Throston School. Again, this was the Nativity story, but with a bit of a twist—the Inn-inspectors. And again, all the children took part and the singing was wonderful.

The second week saw both schools in Church. First, we had Year 4 from Throston. The theme was 'How does the church use light at Christmas?'. We used Advent to introduce the Advent Wreath, which would have been new to most children. We talked about the meaning of Advent and showed candles, cards, boxes and even a bar of chocolate as ways they might celebrate Advent. We then went into the Parish Centre to create a wreath on a plate. After refreshments the children sang a couple of their nativity carols to thank our juice makers, Margaret Drady and Margaret Inman.



Jesmond Gardens Reception class asked if they would come and sing some carols in church for us—how could we refuse! They were absolutely marvellous; 30 four year olds singing was magical. While they were in church, they had a quick look around. Most of these children had never been in a church before but went away with smiles on their faces and looking forward to coming back at the end of January.

Last but not least was the Christmas Eve Nativity in Church. It was nice to have a good sized audience with some families from pre Covid.

All in all a very enjoyable 2022 was had. Looking forward to 2023!

*Evelyn & Team*



# BIBLE BITE WORDSEARCH

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## In a Small Corner of Provence

Now it is winter. The days are short and the nights long. Down to the village shop to get the bread is in the dark. The hot days of summer are a distant memory. Everyone with thick coats and scarves, rubbing their hands and chatting in the warmth of the village shop. The smell of bread coming from the bakery. A place to meet friends, to talk about the weather and discuss the hunting season.



November is the season of rain, heavy rain, which all vineyard owners need for the water table to rise. This is vital for the vines to survive the summer heats. It is rain on the plain, but all around (as low as 400m) there is new snow on the distant peaks. Provence is known for its blue skies and sunshine for 300 days of the year. In winter the frosts and sunshine make the vineyards sparkle. Some vines and trees still have their golden autumn colours.

In December the Christmas decorations in the village start to appear. The Christmas tree goes up and everyone helps to decorate it. Villagers go out into the countryside to collect ivy, holly and conifer branches, not only to decorate their houses, but to decorate the streets. Everywhere the 'Marche de Noel' takes place—lots of gifts and festive food for sale. In Provence most places have a Nativity on display, but they are unique. They are full of small painted clay figures of people of the village, called 'Santons', representing every occupation and activity. In some villages, people dress up in old costumes and join the service at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Into the New Year it is time to get back to work in the vineyards. Now 1,000s of vines over 100s of acres are pruned by hand. The cold Mistral blowing down from the Alps makes it cold work, but essential. It must all be done before spring arrives in March when the days become warmer and the vine buds open soon to flower. The season of the vine growing starts again.

*Pauline Shaw*

**The World Day of Prayer** will be held this year at Grange Road Methodist Church on March 3rd at 2pm.

There is a preliminary meeting on Friday 3rd February 2pm at Grange Road to discuss the event.

Everyone is welcome to attend this.

Thank you, *Rose Hastings*

# St James the Least of All

## On why rural churchgoers like to freeze in church

The Rectory

St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

Winter certainly exposes the difference between those of you who live in cities and us rural folk. While you bask in your centrally heated flat, with every modern convenience that could be imagined and complain about the half an inch of slush that makes your life so inconvenient, we country folk wear overcoats in our houses, open all doors and windows to let the heat *in* and battle through snow drifts, measured in feet, to get the morning paper.

Colonel Wainwright has acquired a new toy: a snow blower, of sufficient power that I believe it could clear the Antarctic. He kindly volunteered to clear the paths around the church. Working outwards from the church door, the path to the church soon became snow free. Unfortunately, he only realised when his job was complete that the blown snow then formed a five-foot drift under the lychgate. We now have to climb over the churchyard wall and negotiate buried gravestones before we can reach his pristine paths.

Miss Margison, ever meaning to be helpful, decided to unfreeze the pipes in the church hall. A blow torch was not the ideal solution, although the resulting burst did make some rather attractive ice sculptures round the kitchen equipment. The village badminton team that uses the hall has now temporarily changed sport, to ice hockey.

Inevitably, our congregation has soared these past few weeks. There is nothing like adversity for making people want to prove they have the moral fibre to overcome it. Much satisfaction seems to be obtained on discovering who has *not* dared venture out, which is taken as judgement on their strength of character. The Prentices upstaged most people by arriving on a sleigh. Mr Prentice was warmly wrapped in a travelling rug, while his wife pulled it. As her husband explained, he couldn't possibly let the pony work in such conditions.

What I momentarily thought was applause during my sermon was merely people keeping their hands warm and the hymns were drowned out by the stamping of feet. Our organist complained that the cold made his fingers so numb that he couldn't play properly – although I didn't notice that things were much different from normal.

No, my dear nephew, you continue to fret about your church heating dropping to temperate, and a few flakes of wet snow obliging you to close your carpark for health and safety reasons. We shall continue to triumph heroically over adversity and return home after Mattins, feeling we have proved our Christian commitment by being utterly uncomfortable.

Your loving uncle, *Eustace*

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

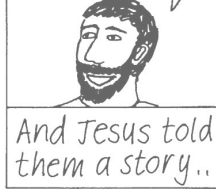
It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew chapter 18 verses 21-35

Jewish teachers used to say you only had to forgive people three times before before getting revenge, so Peter asked Jesus..

How many times do I have to forgive? Seven?



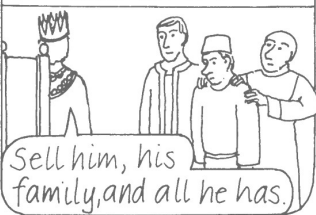
You must never stop forgiving.



A king decided to check his accounts



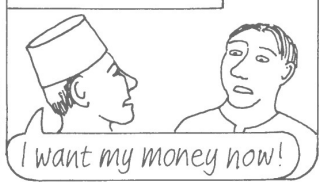
One servant owed him 50 million silver coins



Please give me more time to pay



Then the servant saw someone who owed him 100 silver coins



Please give me more time



and they told the king.



You bad man! I forgave you so much - why did you not forgive?



So he was put in prison



Jesus ended by saying...



# CROSSWORD

Answers on Page 16

## Crossword Clues and Answers

### Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)

9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)

10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)

11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)

13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)

16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)

19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)

22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

### Down

1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)

2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)

3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)

4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)

6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)

7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)

12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)

14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)

15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)

16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)

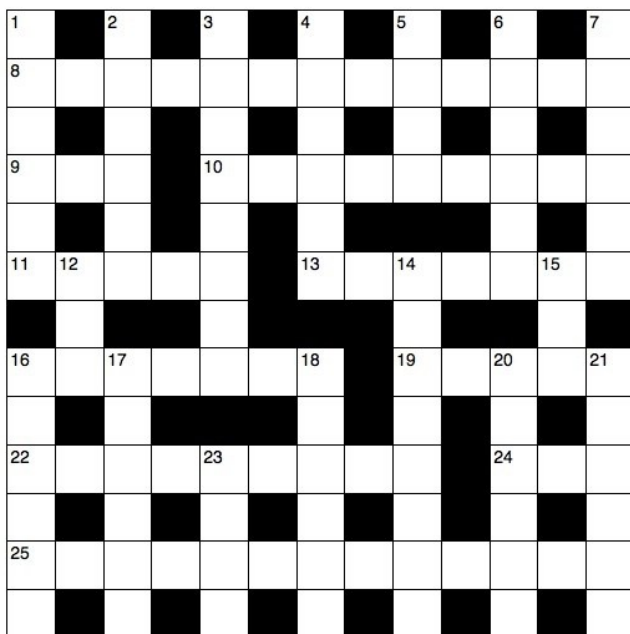
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)

18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)

20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)

21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)

23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)



PANCAKE PARTY!

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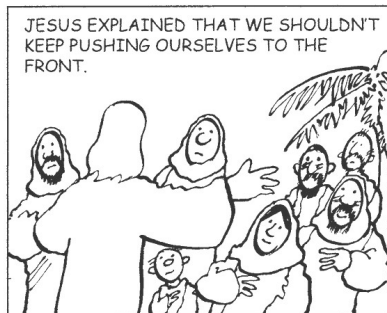
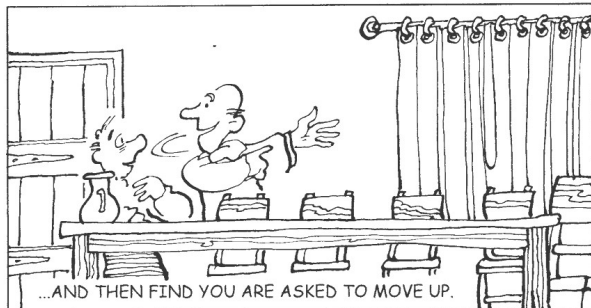
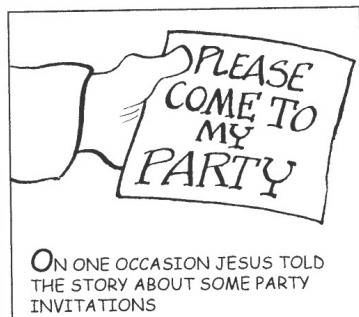
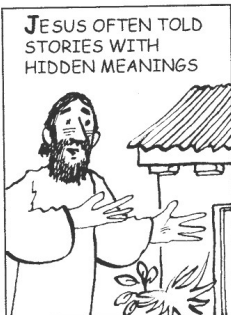
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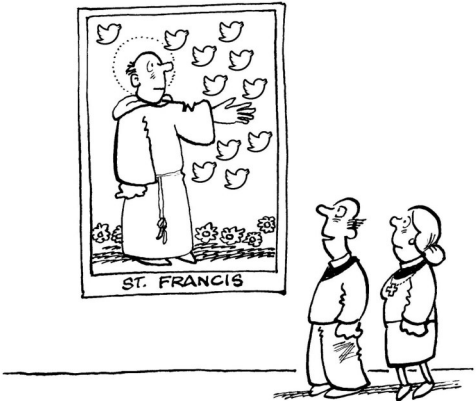
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1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

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He's been updated. He's now the patron saint of tweeting!

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“He moved here after the PCC voted to lower the church heating bill. He says it is warmer out here.”

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