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Seaburn Dene Update

Lynne Griffiths reports:

Note from Gemma: Apologies to Lynne and all readers - this article was meant to be published in November 2019 but slipped through the net.



2018 was a year of change for Seaburn Dene New Church. The retirement of Rev Bruce Jarvis and a key decision by members to continue with the Society has led to inevitable change but if 2018 has taught us one thing it's that change isn't always to be feared and to place yourselves in the Lord's hands for his Divine providence to flow.

We have been blessed at Seaburn to have such a dedicated Minister in Rev Jarvis and it is in part due to his leadership over the years that a small group of dedicated members have been able to step up and take over the day to day running of the Church. Services and

Defibrillator for Purley Chase

Alison Southcombe writes:

The Christmas raffle at Purley Chase raised £600 towards the installation of a defibrillator on site. As the total cost will be £1047, any donations towards this, however modest, would be very much appreciated.

To donate you can make a payment direct to Purley using the following details:

Account Name: Purley Chase Centre

Sort Code: 16-18-18

Account Number: 10418383

Reference: 'DEFIB'

Or, send a cheque (made payable to Purley Chase Centre) to:

Defibrillator
35 Cleeve
Glascote, Tamworth
Staffordshire B77 2QD



events continue to be held every 2 weeks in general and this works well for our small but committed congregation.

Over the last year and a bit we have been grateful for all the help and support offered by visiting Ministers and Worship Leaders. Their attendance at our Church has enhanced our Worship life and given much support and encouragement to keep us moving forwards. We have seen worship diversify further at Seaburn and now hold a mix of formal and informal worship sessions, discussion groups, craft activities and favourite hymns/reading services. This seems to be working well for our members and it is lovely to see old and young members mixed together. Regular worship leader Lynne Griffiths successfully qualified as an accredited Worship Leader in the past year and both Lynne and Nicky Ramsay have recently attended Leaders United to further develop their skills which will only benefit the congregation at Seaburn.

Our attendance figures remain stable and it is lovely we have been able to welcome back some older members also. Sadly in recent months we have had to say goodbye to 3 much loved and long-serving members of our Church community. It is poignant that their services were able to be held in the Church due to the decision to continue and we are grateful to Rev Jarvis for being able to facilitate these services and provide the support required both on these occasions and also to others in similar situations away from regular Church life.

Since May 2018 we have expanded our outreach and opened a Facebook page for the Church sharing quotes, events and encouragement and it has been lovely to see other societies follow our example and for our followers to slowly grow. Our newsletter readership continues to steadily increase also and feedback about the newsletter is positive. 2700 flyers have been distributed across the estate over the last 2 Christmases and Easter. The message out there is that Seaburn Dene New Church is

open and welcoming! Recent building and electrical work has been completed and this month sees the start of a baby and toddler signing session held regularly within the building as well as the continuation of our annual national children and young people sleepover and service. Our planned coffee afternoon will hopefully see old friends return for fellowship and we look forward to filling the Church with laughter and joy.

2018 and 2019 have shown us that the Lord has truly held us in his hands, guiding us and moulding us into our new roles. The support we have received from so many people across our national Church has been pivotal and a reminder that we are “all in this together”, working together to do the Lord’s work. Thank you to everybody who has supported Seaburn and we look forward to the next year and seeing where the Lord will take His church next.....

Purley Chase Photos from the 1900s

Wilf Woodhouse writes:

Following the photos of Purley from Mike Wilson in the latest E-News I would like to share these photos of Purley, which date back to the early 1900’s. Although, at that time, it was owned by a family, it appears, that postcards had been printed but I don’t know the history of them although one of the postcards was sent from Atherstone and has a date stamped (one halfpenny, George V) for 1915.

Just as a special note for anyone who has attended Purley over many years; the photo of the side lawn shows a young sapling near to the house. That is the beginning of the strongly scented Lime Tree, which, in August has the most beautiful perfume and is still going strong.



