

Seaburn Dene New Church
News sheet
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Welcome to the Seaburn Dene News sheet.



*Everyone at Seaburn Dene New Church
would like to wish all our readers a very
Happy New Year*

*We hope and pray that you find peace and
enjoyment with your loved ones in the year to
come and may the love of The Lord be with you
throughout 2024.*

*If you would prefer to receive our news sheet via
email, then please let us know using the email
address above.*

Services of Worship

If you would like to join us in worship, then please make a note of the following dates...

Sunday 14 th Jan	10.30am	Worship	Lynne Griffiths
Sunday 28 th Jan	10.30am	Favourite Hymns	Nicky Ramsay
Sunday 11 th Feb	10.30am	Worship	Lynne Griffiths
Sunday 25 th Feb	10.30am	Worship	Lynne Griffiths
Sunday 10 th Mar	10.30am	Worship	Lynne Griffiths

Good Wishes



to **Eve** in January and **Jack** in February! We hope you have enjoyed/enjoy your celebrations whatever you may be doing.

Looking Back...

Creative Christmas

On November 26th we gathered for a brief worship focusing on the role of Elizabeth and Zechariah in the forthcoming Christmas story. After this we joined together to help 'ready' our church for the coming season by putting up, lighting and creating decorations for the tree, making paper chains and decorating other areas of the church. We also decorated biscuits to have with our refreshments and 'catch up' time, all while listening to traditional Christmas tunes and carols. A lovely morning that got us all feeling in the festive mood!

Candle for Christmas Service

On Saturday 16th December at 7pm we held our 2nd Candle for Christmas Service. We welcomed around 50 people from all over the country as well as from our local community. We reflected and remembered loved ones no longer with us by placing tags on the Christmas trees and lighting a candle in their memory. Readings were heard from the perspective of the different people involved in the Christmas story and these were read by young people from our national and local church community. We sang carols accompanied by a small group of brass musicians. In addition to this we received a huge array of gifts of new pyjamas, toiletries, books, TVs and other gifts to donate to families helped by **Wearside Women In Need**. Thank you to all who donated, it is greatly appreciated. After our service we gathered downstairs for seasonal refreshments and fellowship. It was a wonderful way to celebrate, remember and anticipate all that was to come this season.

Christmas Day

It was lovely to welcome Revd. Becky Jarratt back to Seaburn Dene to take our Christmas Day service. There were some enlightening revelations about the differing opinions of the congregation on when Christmas decorations should be put up (if at all) and also how we can 'de stress' the things that may frustrate us over the festive season by telling the Lord - however trivial or massive we feel it may be. Thank you, Becky, it was great to welcome you and your family to Seaburn once again.

New Church Children's Society

As is our tradition at Seaburn Dene Church, our Christmas Day offertory is donated to this worthy cause who help families linked with our church who may be struggling financially for a variety of reasons. We were delighted to be able to send them a cheque for £150 to support their worthy work.

*"We believe that all religion has relation to life
and the life of religion is to do good."*

Looking forward...

Stamps!

We continue to collect used stamps in aid of the **North East Air Ambulance** so if you have any from the Christmas cards you may have been sent, please just tear the area of the envelope off where the stamp is stuck ensuring it isn't damaged, and once you have a pile of them pop it into our letter box, alternatively just put them in the jar on the table at the back of church.

50 Years on Shields Road

On March 16th our church building will have been open for 50 years!

To celebrate this milestone, we are holding a celebratory service on **Sunday March 17th at 11.30am** followed by an Afternoon Tea style lunch. It would be wonderful to see as many people there as possible who have had any involvement in our church over the years. If you would like to help us celebrate, **please let us know by February 17th**.

We would also like to know about people's memories of the building. If you have photographs or a memory to share, we would love to know about it so we can include them on a display on the day. Maybe you were married, had your children baptised or attended Sunday School, Brownies, Guides, church socials or Club 87 at our church? If so, we would love to include it. If you feel you would like to send a message that we can put in a memory book, then that would be brilliant too.

Any messages and photos can be sent via our church email address. **seaburndenewchurch@gmail.com**

Bradford New Church Centenary

Our friends at Bradford New Church are holding a Centenary Celebration on Saturday 1st June. There will be a service of dedication, a buffet lunch, displays and more. More details will be available soon so watch this space if you would like to help them mark this fantastic occasion.

If you feel able to help to distribute our news sheet around the locality, we would be grateful for the help.