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

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than the watchmen wait for the morning" (Psalm 130:5-6)

Services of Worship

If you would like to join us in worship, then please make a note of the following dates, all are welcome to attend…

Sunday 8th Nov	**10.30am**	**Holy Supper**	Revd Lynne Griffiths
Sunday 22nd Nov	**10.30am**	**Worship**	Revd Lynne Griffiths
Saturday 5th Dec	**7pm**	**Candle for Christmas**	Revd Lynne Griffiths
Sunday 20th Dec	**10.30am**	**Worship**	Revd Lynne Griffiths
Friday 25th Dec	**10.30am**	**Worship**	Revd Lynne Griffiths

Memorials

Alan Mitcheson, brother to the late Nancy Scott, passed into the spiritual world on 22nd September, aged 91. We remember Alan with fondness and of the times he attended our coffee mornings with Nancy. Revds Jarvis and Griffiths had the honour of conducting Alan's resurrection service. We hold his family in our prayers.

Steve Nichol, father to Gary and Lyndsey Nichol who played in our music group in the 1990's, sadly passed away on 19th October, aged 77. We hold Carol, his wife, as well as Gary and Lyndsey in our prayers. Revd Griffiths will be leading Steve's service.

Ron Shaw passed into the spiritual world on 25th October, aged 94. Ron is remembered as a dedicated husband to the late Jean, as well as a loving father to Elizabeth, Simon, David and Ian. He was also a beloved grandad. A regular deliverer of our church newsletter for years and often seen in recent years walking the dogs with Elizabeth and Gordon, we will miss Ron and we keep his family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me, that where I am you may be also." (John 14.1-3)

Bill Griffiths

Bill has recently had a stay in Sunderland Hospital following a disagreement with a kitchen chair, resulting in a broken hip. We are pleased to report he is recovering and hobbling well. Good luck Margaret with playing nursemaid!

Jack Ramsay

We are beyond proud to announce that with less than 1 year till he becomes 'Dr Jack', Jack has successfully completed his Masters. He graduates on 1st December having completed a Masters of research with distinction. His hard work has paid off and his medical degree will be completed in 2027 with a further graduation. It is lovely to see "our" young people grow and achieve amazing things. Well done Jack!

A Candle for Christmas Service

This year we meet on Saturday 5th December at 7pm for our annual Candle for Christmas service. As ever a small brass group will provide live music in the church lit by dimmed lighting and candles. A chance to remember loved ones no longer with us by hanging tags on the memory tree and lighting a candle will be included. We will hear the Christmas story and have time to reflect and remember our loved ones also in a moving service, which brings a quiet to the chaos of the festive season. Once again, we will be supporting Wearside Women in Need (WWIN) with donations of new bedding, nightwear, toiletries and gift cards for the women and children they support. A representative from WWIN will be in attendance on the night also. All are invited to this special night of candlelight, music, reflection and hope. If you wish to drop donations off at the church but not attend the service that is most generous and somebody will be in the church from early afternoon on over on the 5th December.
Thank you also to Scott, who due to injuries to several other key players, will be rigging the church lighting this year (under supervision!!).

Meet Revd Lynne

Come along to Fulwell Community Library Café and meet Revd Lynne for a chat, ask a question or just enjoy some company. A no pressure meet up where you drop in at any time with no pressure to stay for any set period of time. She'll even buy you a cuppa!

Wednesday 18th November 11am – 12.30pm
Monday 14th December 1.30-3pm

Litter picking

Our next dates for litter picking are:-
Tues 17th November 2-3pm Fulwell Quarry, meet on access road by Miller and Carter
Tues 15th December 2-3pm Seaburn Seafront – meet at Dykelands Road Car Park
All equipment is provided and all are welcome to attend.

Spiritual Space Group

Our spiritual space groups welcome people of all faith or none. We meet downstairs in the church (access via back door) and use a mixture of music, images, poetry and questions to prompt discussion and friendship. Refreshments are also provided. All are welcome. Dates are :-

Thursday 19th November – 11am
Thursday 3rd December – 11am
Thursday 17th December – 11am

Ministers letter – Revd Lynne

We've hit the time of year when the trees are shedding their leaves, the clocks have changed and the dark nights have definitely drawn in. Its hibernation time as we wait for the better weather, the light nights and the warmth of the sun beating down upon us. We know it will come but in the darkness of winter months it can be hard to believe it at times.
I often think of the waiting years ago for that first Christmas and for the actual light in the darkness to come upon earth and lead us. This year let the Lord be the light in your darkness this winter, reassuring you that you are never alone and that the sun will once again shine, both in our physical world and in your hearts and minds as brightly as ever before.