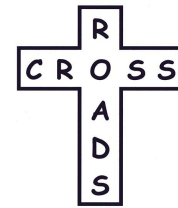


**ST JOHN'S CHURCH,  
NEVILLE'S CROSS**

*Summer 2010*

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In the summer months many of our activities take a rest. There are few evening services, and the 10am service is held at St Margaret's Church on alternate weeks from mid-July. Check the list of services on the next page of this news-sheet to see what is happening.

***Barney writes:***

As I write, it is a couple of days after our latest Eco Festival. It was, again, a great occasion in which we welcomed a great number and variety of people to St John's, and reasserted our commitment to be at the heart of community life in Neville's Cross. Huge thanks are due to the principal organisers; but equally to the great number of people from St John's who took part in many ways, without whom it just couldn't have happened.

I am hoping to be able to report soon on our Living Generously campaign, which likewise recognises all that members of St John's give to the life of the Church, in God's name. We have received 26 responses to the letters that went out 2 months ago, and I would like to thank everyone who has responded in this way to restate their gifts of time, money, skills and self for the work of the Church. We are keen, though, to encourage many more responses from you, the members of this Church. Further copies of the letter are available at the back of Church, and also now on the website [www.sjnx.org.uk](http://www.sjnx.org.uk) (click on 'downloads' then 'parish documents'), or you can contact the Parish Office to have one sent to you. Please do take the few minutes it takes to fill in the response form, and return it to the Vestry (for attention of Barry Gower), or else send it to him c/o the Parish Office in Antioch House (66 Crossgate, Durham DH1 4PR) or email it to him at [treasurer@sjnx.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@sjnx.org.uk) - I would reiterate that only the treasurer will see your financial response, which will remain confidential. Offers of time, skills and gifts will be forwarded to me; I plan to repond to all these within the coming month. *Please return your response form now, or at the latest by Sunday 18th July.*

# SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST

*Holy Communion 7pm Thursdays  
Morning Prayer Monday and Tuesday at 9.15am*

## Sunday 4 July

- 8.45am Eucharist (Prayer Book)
- 10am Eucharist *with groups for children 0 - 14*
- 6pm Taste - Worshipping in Signs (Andrew)

## Sunday 11 July      **Fair Trade stall**

- 8.45am Eucharist
- 10am Eucharist *with groups for children 0 - 14*  
*followed by a bring-and-share lunch - all welcome*

## Sunday 18 July

- 8.45am Eucharist (Prayer Book)
- 10am Joint Service - Patronal Festival  
at St Margaret's Church

## Sunday 25 July

- 8.45am Eucharist
- 10am Joint All-Age Service of the Word  
at St John's Church
- 6.30pm Service with Prayers for Healing

## Sunday 1 August

- 8.45am Eucharist (Prayer Book)
- 10am Joint Eucharist at St Margaret's Church

## Sunday 8 August

- 8.45am Eucharist
- 10am Joint Eucharist at St John's Church

## Sunday 15 August

- 8.45am Eucharist (Prayer Book)
- 10am Joint Eucharist at St Margaret's Church

## Sunday 22 August

- 8.45am Eucharist
- 10am Joint Eucharist at St John's Church

## Sunday 29 August

- 8.45am Eucharist
- 10am Joint Eucharist at St Margaret's Church

Over the summer, **sermons** will focus on Luke's gospel, looking again at some of the passages that we heard during our Big Read in Lent, and exploring their meaning.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**During July** a priest from Romania, Fr Mircea, will be staying in the parish as part of the diocesan Romanian exchange. If you would be willing to host him for a meal, or even to stay overnight, please contact the Rector, or sign the sheet at the back of Church.

**Bring and Share lunch** on Sunday 11th July you are welcome to come (or stay) for lunch after the 10am service. If you can bring some food or drink for the table so much the better!

**Mothers' Union** - all welcome. The next meeting is at 1.45pm on Monday 12th when Jim O'Connor will talk about Dorothy's Well project in Tanzania.

**Book Group** - Everyone is welcome, whether you have read the book or not, it's a great opportunity to meet informally! Meetings always start at 8pm and finish by 9.30pm. Next meetings -

Monday 12th July at 7 Dickens Wynd - The Gambler, Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Thursday 16th Sept at 54 Archery Rise - Dune, Frank Herbert.

**Farewell to Bishop Tom:** there will be a service of Farewell to Bishop Tom and Maggie in the Cathedral on Tuesday 13th July at 7.30pm.

**Summer School** - there's a day event on Tuesday 13th July at St John's College. For more information contact Penny Bissell at St John's College.

**Community Flower Festival at St Margaret's** - from Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th July St Margaret's will be open daily with floral displays by members of various 'St Margaret's' community groups. An 850th Anniversary event; free entry, with donations given to the St Margaret's Well (Tanzania) appeal.

The **Patronal Festival** (St Margaret's Day) will be celebrated at the joint 10 o'clock Eucharist on Sunday 18th; preacher: the former Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins.

**Acting Youth Pastor** - congratulations to Susanne and Kristian on the birth of Micah. Susanne is on maternity leave and Helen Tibbles is acting Youth Pastor/Co-ordinator until the end of July. She can be contacted on lol@sjnx.org.uk Susanne expects to return to work in September, but there will be no-one in post during August.

***The next news-sheet will be published on Sunday 29 August 2010***