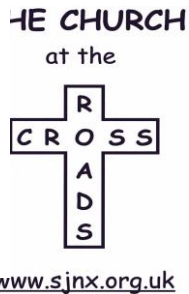


**ST JOHN'S  
NEVILLE'S CROSS  
SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2012**  
Morning prayer  
Monday and Tuesday at 9.15 am  
Holy Communion Thursday at 7pm



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>d</sup> before Lent**

- 8.45 Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) service led by the Peth Small Group.
- 10.00 Eucharist with groups for children 0-14 service led by the Peth Small Group.
- 6.30 'Taste' with Maggie Cherry from NEPACS beginning with refreshments.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent; Fair Trade Stall**

- 8.45 Eucharist
- 10.00 Eucharist with groups for children 0-14
- 4.00 'Messy Church' including tea.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February Sunday before Lent**

- 8.45 Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.00 Eucharist with groups for children 0-14

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Ash Wednesday**

- 7.30 Eucharist

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent.**

- 8.45 Eucharist
- 10.00 All-Age Eucharist Service
- 6.30 Shalom

*Peter and Anna de Lange*

want to say a big thank you for the wonderful send-off on our last Sunday and for the generous cheque you gave us. Our new house has a big SW-facing decked patio with a pergola over it and it needs a table and chairs of suitable quality, so in the spring we will enjoy going to choose a set, and will remember SJNX every time we sit outside.

**News from the Mothers' Union**

At the Annual Meeting, a new Branch Leader was appointed; a Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were also appointed. It was reported that the membership is now 30. The meeting began with a Communion Service at which the Rector presided. In the Wave of Prayer, which is used daily in Mothers Union, we remembered our link Dioceses in Uganda, Nigeria and Scotland. The **next meeting is on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1.45.** The speaker will be the manager of Gateway Crafts, who will speak on 'To Kathmandu and back.' Everyone is welcome to attend.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY**  
Eucharistic Service at St Margaret's at 10.00  
Eucharistic Service at St John's at 7.30pm

**Second Saturday** A warm welcome awaits you on 'Second Saturday' 11<sup>th</sup> February, with the Fairtrade Stall, refreshments and newspapers in the church. Do Come!

**Training Session** for people interested in leading intercessions at Sunday 10am services on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10-12noon in the Church Centre. Those already on the rota are encouraged to attend and share their experiences.

**A Lent Course** led entitled, 'A Kind of Sleep-Walking' will take place every Wednesday in church 7.30-9pm beginning on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> February, (with the exception of 21<sup>st</sup> March.)

**'Super 6'** meets Monday 3.45-4.45, this term, all Y6 young people welcome.

## **Barney writes:**

***The Parochial Church Council agenda over the past couple of months has largely been set by two events (involving the whole congregation) that took place towards the end of last year: the Open Meeting on Youth and Children's Ministry and the Financial Gift Day. The latter raised £8,604 (excluding Gift Aid, which should bring the total to £10,000). The PCC would like to express deep gratitude to all who gave on this occasion, and to all who give on a regular basis. We sought, and received, generosity; we feel that you have placed great trust in us and that it is now up to us to respond to you with imagination, vision and prayer for the life and growth of God's Church in Neville's Cross.***

***The Gift Day made a difference as to how the PCC would approach the question of Youth and Children's Ministry. There were strong signals from the congregation in favour of strengthening this ministry, and supporting the volunteers who are key to it. The PCC has charged a sub-group with putting together a five-year plan in order to achieve this; and the generosity of giving at the Gift Day both inspired and enabled the PCC to think in terms of setting up a dedicated fund for this work, into which the PCC intends to make an annual donation of £10,000 for the next five years. This will eat into our financial reserves somewhat, but as a charity we are expected to spend money – to the glory of God and for the mission and life of His Church – not to hoard it. We hope that in many ways, this will prove to be an 'investment for growth'. Full details of what is planned will be revealed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April.***

***I should add that the PCC resolved NOT to make the Gift Day an annual occurrence, and we therefore continue to rely on your regular financial giving throughout the year – so do please review and renew this. Nevertheless, this one-off Gift Day has proven to be a fantastic boost - not just to Church funds, but to our faith in your commitment to seeing God's work flourish and grow.***

***So, once again, Thank you and God Bless you.***

### **Prayer Pointers, please pray for**

- All church activities nurturing children and young people in their faith.
- Our preparation for and participation in Lent.
- All those in need in body, mind and spirit.

**FOODBANK** – please support the next food collection at the Co-op in Newton Hall (Carr House Drive) Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February or the **Special Foodbank Collection** as part of the Peth's 8.45 and 10.00 Services on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. There is a particular shortage of fruit juice, sugar, puddings (eg rice puddings, sponge puddings) and powdered or Longlife milk.

### **Advance Notices**

**Open Day** at Wesley Study Centre, 3 South Bailey, Durham DH1 3RJ 11.00 – 4.00 on 29<sup>th</sup> February; prior booking required; if interested, please contact [www.durham.ac.uk/wsc.onlin](http://www.durham.ac.uk/wsc.onlin) . Application forms available on noticeboard in foyer.

**Book Group** – Everyone is welcome, whether or not you have read the book. Meetings start at 8pm and end by 9.30pm. The next meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, looking at 'To kill a Mocking Bird' by Harper Lee, and on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, looking at 'Fugitive Pieces' by Anne Michaels.

**'Preaching Paul'** conference at St John's College, Durham, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 – 4.00; £21 per person for coffee & light lunch; £18 per person for group booking of 3 or more. For Further details please contact [s.l.hobson@durham.ac.uk](mailto:s.l.hobson@durham.ac.uk)

**'Durham Churches Together' AGM at St Antony's Priory**, Tues 14<sup>th</sup> February, business meeting at 7pm followed by refreshments and film on food production at 7.30. All Welcome. Details of 'Durham Churches Together' events can be found on the 'Grapevine' Notice on the noticeboard in the foyer.

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