

WE ARE PRAYING FOR....

Week by week we pray for the residents of all areas within the parishes of Bywell & Mickley and for local businesses and schools.

In October we are praying for:

Residents of West Mickley, Bearl View, Beech Street, Oak Street, Elm Street and Mickley Square
Stocksfield Quaker Meeting House
All local interest groups
Visitors to St George's

CHURCH OPENING:

St Peter's is open Thursday to Sunday 10 am - 3 pm

St John's is open every day

In a busy world, our churches offer a space, a moment of calm and quietness in which to draw breath and collect our thoughts. Many people enjoy walking, and many walk at Bywell, so do go into the church, take a moment... Similarly visit St George's and enjoy our churchyards, or the garden at St John's.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE
Sun Oct 1	St Peter's	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Harvest
Sun Oct 1	St George's	11.00 am	Service of the Word
Sun Oct 1	St John's	4.00 pm	First @ Four
Wed Oct 4	St John's	3.00pm	Service of the Word
Sun Oct 8	St John's	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wed Oct 11	St John's	3.00pm	Holy Communion
Sun Oct 15	St Peter's	9.30 am	Service of the Word
Sun Oct 15	St George's	11.00am	Holy Communion - Harvest
Wed Oct 18	St John's	3.00pm	Holy Communion
Sun Oct 22	St John's	10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion (with coffee after service)
Sun Oct 22	St John's	4.00 pm	With Open Hands
Wed Oct 25	St John's	3.00pm	Holy Communion
Sun Oct 29	St Peter's	10.00am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion

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Bywell St Peter Mickley St George Stocksfield St John



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I have spent months thinking about how best to write my first ever editorial, and, more importantly, what the content should be.

And there it was, handed to me on a plate, as I sat in the back of church listening to a beautiful delivery of Romans 12 v 1-8 relating to how we are all one body in Christ, intertwined with each other, regardless of our colour, ethnicity, gender, nationality, or race.

Our faith in God becomes our common denominator, rather than our affluence, education, status or upbringing. The sermon which followed this reading was equally as powerful and thought provoking.

Here in the Tyne Valley, between Mickley and Bywell, I have the privilege of witnessing, and sharing, the endless talents of the community in which I have lived as a 'newcomer' of thirty two years. The list is endless. If I start I will run out of column space.

As we enter our winter season, where many people may feel isolated by the dark winter nights, it is comforting to know that so many people here readily give of their time and talents to try and make all feel part of this friendly community. Thank you.



British Summer Time Ends

Sunday October 29th

As You KNOW...

Stocksfield Church of England comprises of two parishes and three churches across our villages but we share a single website

www.StocksfieldChurchofEngland.org

as well as this newsletter. And now to simplify things even further... a shared Facebook page. The old Bywell St Peter and Mickley St George pages now direct you to the new page but they will be gone by the end of the year.

So please do "Like", "Follow", "Share" etc

www.facebook.com/stocksfieldchurchofengland

to get all the latest news and events straight to your feed. You can also message us there with any questions or comments.



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Can You Help?? Do you remember a lady called Madge White??

Her granddaughter, Christine, is trying to find out more about Madge and her work. Madge, who passed away in 2002, lived on Cadehill Road, for many years in a house called Bookham (possibly No 7).

"Madge was well known in Stocksfield and was an embroidery teacher and a very accomplished embroiderer. She created many pieces of work, some of which were shown in county shows in the area and throughout the North East. We do have some pieces of Madge's work, as they were passed to us after she died. We also know that she created some altarpieces for churches in Stocksfield, and we think St John's was one of these. The pieces of work will have been made probably between 1970 and 1990. They are likely to be highly decorative and colourful, perhaps with flowers, as Madge's work was highly detailed."

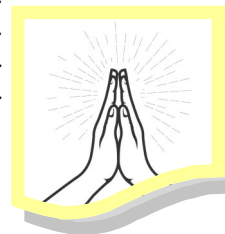
Christine would love the opportunity to see these pieces again if they are still in existence. So please if you can help at all either reply by email to:

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or speak to Melna Martin. Thank you.

Prayer for October

Lord we pray for your blessing on every kind of harvest that we enjoy. Thank you for the harvest of the land and the sea. Bless too, the harvest of factory, mine and workshop. Bless the harvest of research and of creative art. May we work together with you in every area of life to produce what is worthwhile, good and fruitful. May you be glorified in it all.



Did you KNOW...?

Services are held around All Souls' Day which offer people an opportunity to remember those they love but see no longer, whether the loss is recent or long ago, and to support and maintain contact with bereaved families whether or not they have had a Church of England led funeral. We would like to invite you to join us for one of our services of remembering:

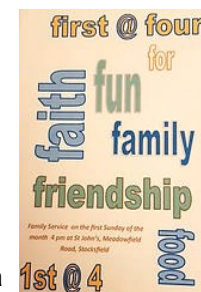
Sun 29th October 3.00pm St John's Stocksfield
Service of Remembering & Thanksgiving for All Souls



Why not come along on **Sunday 1st October** at 4 pm at St John's.

Our service this month is called Gathering In (Harvest) and has a theme of abundance and variety of creation.

There will be stories, songs, a snack, prayers and activities as well as with something to take away. The service will last about 45 minutes. Everyone from 0-80+ is welcome at this service. Always good fun.



Open Hands resumes this month and takes place every month, on the fourth Sunday at 4pm. It takes the form of a mini retreat. This month's mini retreat is on **Sunday 22nd October** and has the theme of 'Instruments of God' with a time of music, readings and periods of quiet reflection.



Quote of the Month:

The field of the Lord had been lying fallow, bristling with the thistles of unbelief. Now it has been ploughed by your teaching and is bringing forth an abundant harvest of true faith.

Gregory II, Pope and Reformer