



Stocksfield Church of England



Bywell St Peter Mickley St George Stocksfield St John

Welcome to the first addition of the monthly Newsletter for the parishes of Bywell and Mickley. For many years, we produced a parish magazine, but the time has come for a change!

We are hoping to produce a free monthly newsletter which will be available to all those who live in the parish and beyond. You will be able to pick up paper copies in all our churches, but also you will be able to access it through our Facebook page, website or if you wish to subscribe you can opt to receive it by email.

We hope you will find the new newsletter interesting and informative.

The Hidden Three Churches In NE43

Did you know that parish churches are there for anyone who lives in the parish or beyond. In Stocksfield, we have 3 churches - St Peter's and St John's belong to the parish of Bywell and St George's belongs to Mickley. But they are all rather hidden away, and is it surprising that many people tell us, "I didn't know there was a church here!" - so do **you** know where the churches are? If not, why not pay us a visit?

Have a look at our website for details of locations or try these **just3words**:

St Peter's: alcove.ordeals.apples

St George's: wiring.hiker.richly

St John's: tonic.colder.samplers



St John's 2020 Garden:

I didn't know there was a church here!

A comment often heard from people trying to find St John's, the Church Hall or the Vicarage. Not exactly ideal for a church that is supposed to be there for everyone!

So in 2018 we removed a large tree from the garden in front of the church. However, the tree left behind it a rather unsightly brown patch. Fast forward a couple of years, and we were in lockdown and learning to do lots of things outdoors.

A church member suggested that the bare patch could be turned into a garden to be enjoyed and used by local people. With the help of a local garden expert, a team of volunteers and a generous grant from Stocksfield Parish Council the St John's 2020 Garden was born. It is meant to be a space where people can come and be, to find a moment of peace and perhaps remember; so please do come along and enjoy this lovely space.



Did you KNOW...?

That the parish system dates back to medieval times.

That everyone who lives in the parish has the right to marry in their parish church or to have their funeral there.

All you have to do is get in touch and we will guide you through the process.

Reverend Dr Pat Moran Gonzalez

Reverend Dr Pat Moran Gonzalez retires as Priest-in-Charge to the Benefice of Bywell and Mickley at the end of June 2023.

She will be leading her last Sunday Service on 25th June at St. John's Church, Meadowfield Road at 10.00 am, and afterwards we will be marking this occasion with a buffet lunch.

If you have met Pat during her time here and would like to wish her well, please do come along to the service or lunch, or both. You would be most welcome.

If you would like to partake in the lunch please email: stocksfildchurchofengland@gmail.com or phone 07585 129300

Did you KNOW...?

That every month, on the first Sunday of the month at 4pm, we have a service aimed especially at families with children.

It is called **First @ Four** and lasts about an hour. It is held in the church hall behind St John's Church on Meadowfield Road.

Each month we explore a story from the Bible through songs activities, crafts and sometimes drama. We share food and have some fun. It is very informal and everyone is welcome from 0 to 80+ years, so why not come along and give it a go!



St John's Church Hall is tucked away behind St John's Church on Meadowfield Road in Stocksfild. The postcode is NE43 7PY. It is a hidden treasure and we would love more people to enjoy using the facilities it has to offer. So if you are setting up a group, planning a birthday party or holding a Jumble Sale, do get in touch.



Our prices are competitive and we look forward to hearing from you to discuss your plans.

The hall is a multi functional room with tables and chairs, a well equipped kitchen, and a fabulous outside space with ample car parking..

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Quote of the Month:

When you talk, you only repeat what you already know, but if you listen you may learn something.

Amish school proverb

WE ARE PRAYING FOR....

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

This month we are praying for:

The residents of Tynedale Gardens, Welton Close, Birkdene, and Halton Close. Businesses at Tyne Valley Garden Centre, Jiggery Pokery, Bearl Farm, Stocksfild Hall, Bywell Home Farm, North Acomb Farm Shop and Wheelbirks Parlour & Farm

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 JUNE			
SUNDAY	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE
Sun 4 June	St Peter's	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 4 June	St George's	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sun 4 June	St John's	4.00 pm	First @ Four
Sun 11 June	St Peter's	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 11 June	St George's	11.00 am	Service of the Word
Sun 18 June	St Peter's	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 18 June	St George's	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sun 25 June	St John's	10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion (with coffee after service)
Sun 25 June	St John's	4.00 pm	With Open Hands

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