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**MBC**  
MORPETH BAPTIST CHURCH

July 2018

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- Pray for those who we support in other countries; particularly for International China Concern as the summer is always a busy time. Pray for the short term summer teams that go out in July and August. Pray for Rachel Lacey and Matt & Rachel Pitt who will be going out to serve for a few months in Changsha and Hengyang.
- This Month, pray for Steve Grimwood and for Janet Horscroft and their respective families. Please also pray for Mary Gill as she is currently job hunting.
- Give thanks for Lifepath, which took place at the end of last month. Over 500 children had the opportunity to hear the good news and learn about the Northumbrian Saints. The all took home 'Diary of a disciple' which covers the first 3 chapters of Luke. Continue to Pray for these children and for a time of rest for the team. Please Pray for the children and Youth outreach over the summer, for the various holiday clubs that are happening in Morpeth and for Staying Alive, which happens in August in Seahouses for young people. Pray also for those who will be taking part in the M10 mission to Mexico as they do last minute preparations.
- Please continue to pray for those who are unwell or undergoing treatment or recovering. Especially for Marie Havron and Maureen Chapple. Continue to pray for Holly, David and baby Ewan; for Val Libby, and Ralph Buonincontro. Give thanks for Elaine Luff's progress and continue to pray for her and Martin.

It would be fantastic if you have any words of encouragement, poems or images that would help build up our community. Please send content to me by the 25th of the Month for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

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Our morning service starts at 10.30 am, followed by Tea, coffee and fellowship at 12 noon.

Most Sunday evenings there is a prayer meeting, 7 pm @ John & Kathleen Carrick's home, 10 Whiteacres, Morpeth

### Sunday 1st July 2018

10.30am John Cooper will be leading the service. Maureen Watson is preaching.

### Sunday 8th July 2018

10.30am Ruth Chapple will be leading the service. Martin Luff is preaching.

### Sunday 15th July 2018

Joint service with New Life in the park - if you can help with serving food or set up/ clear away, please speak to John Cooper

### Sunday 22nd July 2018

10.30am John Cooper is preaching.

### Sunday 29th July 2018

10.30am 5th Sunday Service which will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

## Looking Ahead

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday 7th July at 9.30 am @ The Electrical Wizard.

**Games Night:** Saturday 7th July 7pm @ the Martyn & Victoria Chapple's home 82 Juliet Street, Ashington. Featuring Balderdash and a host of other games, or just come along for a chill and chat.

**Abbeyfields Country Fair:** Friday 13th July From 3.15. Can you help with the Cake Stall? Please see Ruth Chapple

**Crafternoon:** Saturday 14th July 1-3.30pm @ Storey Park Community Centre.

**Party in the Park:** Sunday 15th July 11 am - 3 pm, Carlisle Park

**Church Meeting:** Tuesday 17th July at 7.30pm @ Abbeyfields. This is an important meeting, please do try to attend. See the John has sent for more details.

**Mike's Big Bike Ride:** 29th July - Mike is raising money for Oxfam by taking part in the London 100 mile bike ride.

**Bring and Share Lunch:** Sunday 29th July after the service - bring food to share with the rest of the church family.

## Lifepath Brinkburn Priory 2018

Wow! What a week it's been! 540 children, aged 9, attended from 19 schools across Northumberland. It was particularly great to see all the Morpeth schools attending. A team of 56 volunteers, from all denominations, have laughed, danced, acted, sang and prayed their way through the week. The weather has been perfect and the Priory provided a spiritual setting for the children to explore the Christian faith through the lifepath of St Oswald and to use this as an opportunity to encourage them to reflect on their own lifepath.

The children were fully engaged in all their activities eg Bible journey, prayer stop, Jesus journey, drama, gardening, wool making. At the end of the day, all the children come together to reflect upon what they have learnt. Whilst singing "I'm thinking about today, I'm thinking about tomorrow", we each take a stone and together we build a cairn to remember.

The children's comments, as they left, included:

- It was the best day ever
- I enjoyed all the activities
- St Oswald was a servant King – I want to be like him
- 66 books in the Bible – who knew!

The Teachers comments, as they left, included:

- It was brilliant to have a visit which reflected Christian beliefs in a fun and accessible way to the children
- Everything was excellent – lovely atmosphere, great activities, superb planning
- I was looked after too
- I had a restful day, watching the children enjoying themselves, not having to do anything myself!

A big, big thank you to everyone for all your prayers. Let's continue to pray for these children and their families.

Shirley



John has had a fantastic time at Lifepath over the last week and has really enjoyed serving the children and working with Christians from MBC and from wider in Northumberland. It was fantastic to have Abbeyfields children there on Monday and to serve them.

John will be away for two weekends this month 7-8th July attending a baptism and 14-15th July on a Baptist History and Principles course in Manchester. He is around during the week.

### Mike's Big Ride - cycling 100 miles in one day!

**I am riding the London-Surrey 100 on July 29th for Oxfam because they are a great organisation doing amazing work.**

I have been a supporter of Oxfam since I was at school. When I worked in Nepal I saw first hand the excellent work that Oxfam do. Since the Nepal Earthquake in 2015 Oxfam has helped thousands of families rebuild their homes and lives. Having seen the devastation caused by the earthquake, I know what a difference this support has meant to the people of Nepal.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Oxfam. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Please join me in supporting Oxfam by donating generously to my JustGiving page.

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